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WE LOVE A PARADE: The Vanier family - Trish, Samantha and Daniel, foreground - got in the spirit of Country Good Times by taking part in Saturday's ever-popular parade. More photos pages 21 and 22.

All's not quiet on the lake front

■ *Cottagers complain noisy neighbours are driving them away*

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The sound of neighbours enjoying life at the lake in the summer is not what's bothering Mary Gordon.

Nor is it that these neighbours chose to enjoy cottage life on the back of a personal watercraft.

She could put up with all of that if the neighbours did not continue to enjoy their cottage - loudly - until three in the morning with 20 of their closest friends.

"It's bad enough to want to sell," said the Kushog Lake cottager at Saturday morning's annual general meeting. "But why should repeat offenders, who are so disrespectful of other people's privacy and peace, why should they be allowed to run us out? The noise is driving us off the lake and we don't want to leave."

Her complaint prompted a string of others, especially from people who cottage within hearing distance of Ox Narrows. And on an otherwise quiet Saturday night, that means people a couple of kilometres away.

A couple of weeks ago, people renting a cottage there held an impromptu rock concert, with music blaring long into the night. The owner tried to get them to tone things down, but

his pleas were ignored.

"I've been here since 1961 and I've seen unbelievable changes," said one woman who cottages near Ox Narrows. "If the police won't protect you, who will? The police should shut them down."

"When we call the police, they come and (the noise makers) cease and desist. Then the police go away and the noise starts again," said one man, who's been involved with a dispute over noise with his neighbour. If

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TRUE LOVE?

Distraught over the death of his paramour, a Chinese Silkie chicken who was attacked by a marauding skunk or raccoon, Eric the Parrot flew the coop two weeks ago. But now he's back home in Gelert, finding love with another Silkie, at left. Story on page 3.

Americans lured to Highlands with low Canadian dollar

DIANNE CHOMA
Staff Reporter

The record low dollar might be bad news for Canadians travelling abroad, but it has created an influx of American tourists to the Highlands, and that means prosperity and growth for local businesses, tourism officials say.

Brian Dean, general manager of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, said calls about summer vacation packages are up 15 to 20 per cent from last year and have been flooding his office since December, three months earlier than usual.

And for the first time since the late 1980s, people are willing to spend more when they're on vacation, said Dean.

"This year we seem to have more inquiries for the higher end vacations than we have in past years, which is a sign of the economy coming back. Things seem to have really turned around for a lot of families and they're willing to spend the money for the extra add-ons."

The demand for resort and bed and breakfast accommodations is high, especially for those with children's programs.

Dean said this summer's generous spending trend will add up to millions of extra tourist dollars in the county.

And the trend, he said, will probably continue into the winter.

Wayne Wood, operator of the Dysart tourist information booth, said he has spoken to more American tourists this summer than in the past six years he has worked there.

The information booth has already had 350 more visitors than it had seen at this time last year.

"They don't seem to be batting their eyes much at expensive rates," said Wood. "Our dollar is probably very attractive to people out of the country who are coming on their vacations. And I think Canadians are staying at home to some extent this summer, too."

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Fishermen get sinking feeling here, there & everywhere — news and events worth noting

SOMETIMES the police have overly suspicious minds, as was the case a few weeks ago when an off-duty police officer observed what he thought were two men fishing illegally at Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve. This officer, who was camping at the Forest, reported to the staff that he had spotted two men netting fish on Loon Lake and wanted them investigated. Well, it turns out that those two men were acting far more innocently than suspected. It turns out that a few days earlier, the two were out fishing when one of them cut his finger. His fishing partner became queasy at the sight of the blood, fainted and fell out of the boat, tipping it over in the process. Luckily, the young fisherman quickly recovered his senses, but not before all their fishing gear sunk to the bottom of the lake. When the police officer saw them a couple days later, they were trying to retrieve the gear with the help of nets. Not quite illegal behaviour, but something they wouldn't want written into the books, either.

Bruce Fritshaw dropped by the Echo office last week wondering aloud whether the Order of Canada bestowed upon former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney was the

one taken away from former hockey czar Allan Eagleson...

Sunday's dinner has traditionally been a time for family's to gather together before setting out on another hectic week. But what about people whose families aren't near enough to gather? On Sunday, October 8, 1989, Nancy Brink started the Sunday Supper Club as a way of bringing people together so they won't feel so alone on a Sunday night. On Sunday, August 9, the Sunday Supper Club will be celebrating its 100th meal at the West Guilford Community Centre. If you've never joined them before, Nancy Brink extends an invitation to anyone who would appreciate the scrumptious food and fellowship to attend. The cost of the dinner is \$11 per person but you must notify Brink at 457-2222 (w) or 754-2516 (h) before August 4 if you want to attend so that adequate preparations can be made.

A few weeks ago, we had a story about a new local theatre company called A Class Act. As part of its fundraising, there was going to be a production of the play "Vincent" in mid-August. Unfortunately, A Class Act has had to disband and there will be no performance of Vincent.

Police don't know why young man electrocuted

DIANNE CHOMA
 Staff Reporter

Investigators are puzzled by the death of a man who was electrocuted last week while fixing a boat at a local marina.

Christopher Martin, 38, a mechanic at Fort Irwin Marine on Haliburton Lake, was drilling holes in the railing of a pontoon boat to install a flood light Wednesday when he was electrocuted by the power drill he was using.

Minden OPP Const. Terry Allore said the cause of Wednesday's accident is not yet known.

Witnesses said Martin was using an extension cord on the boat and it did not come into contact with the water.

Martin was taken to Haliburton Hospital, where hospital staff determined the cause of his death to be cardiac arrest brought on by the electrical shock.

"At this stage it is believed to be an accidental death. There is absolutely no indication of foul play," said Allore.

Martin had moved into his house near Eagle Lake from Baysville, Ont., several years ago.

Larry Bagg, a neighbor, said Martin was an outgoing and friendly man.

"He was always a helpful person, just a really nice guy. Anytime I needed anything he was always there."

Investigators from the Ministry of Labor were at the marina Thursday to interview owners John and Betty Turpin.

The ministry has taken the power drill and cord to be tested and will be meeting with police to discuss their findings on the cause of Martin's death this week.

Martin's funeral will be held 2 p.m. today at the Addison Funeral Home in Huntsville.

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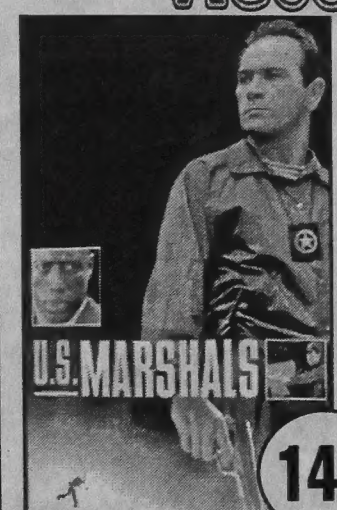
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Eric the Parrot flies the coop – but comes home to roost with the chickens

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Depressed over the brutal murder of the chicken of his dreams, Eric the Parrot tried to put his blues behind him by flying off into the sunset.

But luckily, he's back home again with a renewed optimism that he can find love again in the chicken coop.

Eric, who lives with Norm and Louise Weber in Gelert, had fallen deeply in love with one of the Weber's gorgeous Chinese Silkie chickens. He'd spend his days out in the yard with his "harem", pecking at the gravel and then surreptitiously rushing over to his paramour to give her a few love bites on the neck.

"He does chicken stuff," Louise Weber says of Eric's rather quirky behaviour. "We call him the orange-winged barn parrot. He doesn't know he's from the Amazon."

One night, tragedy struck – a marauding skunk or raccoon snuck into the chicken coop and killed Eric's lady love.

It was a catastrophe.

Eric was despondent and fell into a blue funk even bluer than his plumage.

Feeling sorry for him, Weber wanted to divert his attention away from his sorrows so "when I got home from work last Friday, I said 'come on Eric, let's go for a ride'."

They both hopped into the car and travelled a short way down the road to where a neighbour was having a yard sale. When Weber stepped out of the car, Eric joined her, heading straight for the nearest tree.

Unable to coax him down,

Weber decided to try a fail-safe method – attract him with a chicken. But since her neighbour didn't have a chicken handy, she first had to go home to get one. By the time she and a chicken returned, Eric was gone. He'd flown the coop.

Now it was Weber's turn to be despondent. Early the next morning before the cock crowed, she took one of the chickens to the bridge near the yard sale and

"He does chicken stuff. We call him the orange-winged barn parrot... Eric's frightened of female parrots. They're quite aggressive compared to chickens"

LOUISE WEBER

began calling out to Eric. "Thank God there weren't too many passersby," she says. "I think people thought I was going to jump."

She and Norm had to head off to Bracebridge, not knowing what to do next and fearing that whoever found him would put him in a cage. The scene was all too reminiscent of the time their pet monkey got kidnapped. (Then there was the time their pet pig wee-wee-wee'd his way a mile and a half down the road, knocking on a neighbour's door with his snout when he got tired.) But we digress...

Miles away as the crow flies, a woman was having lunch on the outside patio of her house in Gooderham when a ravenous Eric swooped down, landed on her arm, and snatched the

woman's sandwich right out of her hand. (As someone at The Echo remarked, "let's hope it wasn't chicken salad.")

Amazingly, this stoic lady kept her cool and calmly took Eric to The Great Haliburton Feed Company where the staff had no idea whose parrot it was, but knew that Amanda Wilkins of Donald had exotic birds. She arrived to take Eric home.

Wilkins remembered a conversation she'd had with Louise Weber about giving Eric a fresh start with a female parrot. (Perhaps she also remembered Weber's opinion: "Eric's frightened of female parrots. They're quite aggressive compared to chickens." In other words, he'd rather be hen-pecked than parrot-pecked.)

Amanda phoned the Webers' and got their son Max, who told her that yes, their parrot was missing.

"How do I know if it's your bird?" she asked Max.

"If you hold out a treat and the bird says 'Hi Eric,' that's our bird," Max responded.

Sure enough, a few seconds later he could hear "Hi Eric, Hi Eric" over the phone lines.

Gladly, Eric's now home amongst the chickens, and it looks like one of them has caught his eye. (Given the Chinese Silkie's glorious tuft of white hair hiding a very small brain, it appears, alas, he's prone to trophy wives.)

Asked whether the Webers one day expect to hear the pitter patter of little parrot/chicken feet in the barnyard, Louise says, "Everything else weird happens here. Why couldn't we manage that?"



HOME AGAIN: Louise Weber is glad Eric the Parrot is back, and seems to be in love with this Chinese Silkie.

What to do about goose guano?

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Canada geese may be beautiful to look at, but they certainly leave an unsightly mess when they visit shoreline properties to answer the other call of nature.

The issue prompted some humorous and practical solutions to be shared at the Kushog Lake Property Owners' Association meeting on Saturday.

Christine McCartney says, "I run down the hill and bark like a dog and that seems to send them away."

It's also helped that her husband has placed their grandchildren's inflatable alligator near the shore. "I haven't had to resort to barking since then," she smiled.

One woman said Lakefield

seems to have solved its guano problem by not mowing the grass along the river shoreline. The geese don't like to waddle through the tall grass and are now leaving the park alone.

This solution appealed most to KLPOA president Norma Goodger, who reminded lake-shore property owners that they should already be leaving a six-foot buffer along their shorelines to soak up phosphates before they reach the water.

Jack Brezina said people might also want to take a paddle along the Gull River to see what Dave Stephens, owner of Beaverbrook Golf Course, has done to discourage avian visitors. Stephens has strung reflective tape along the river and golfers haven't been having to watch their step since.

Ministry of Natural Resources imposes strict fire ban for most of Southern Ontario

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

No means no when it comes to the fire ban in most municipalities across the county.

No campfires, no cooking

over a fire, no roasting marshmallows at night.

"It's no outdoor burning, period," says Dysart et al Fire Chief Miles Maughan.

Conditions are extremely dry from a double whammy of hot

days and little precipitation.

The ban will not be lifted "until there's a substantial rain," Maughan said.

There is more than one fire ban in effect. The Ministry of Natural Resources has issued a

ban for most of Southern Ontario, in part because all of its crews are fighting fires in Northern Ontario and wouldn't be available should something happen here.

With the new provincial

changes, issuing bans is also a new municipal responsibility.

The municipalities which have imposed the ban are Dysart et al; Anson, Hindon and Minden; Glamorgan, Cardiff, Bicroft and Snowdon.

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No easy solution to problem of noisy neighbours

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the man complains about the noise, the neighbour says he's hearing things. "I can see myself going to court - they'd just deny everything."

The response from Minden OPP Const. Mark Davis was not encouraging.

"I dealt with four different (noise complaints) yesterday and in most cases, there's not a great deal police can do," he said.

Although many municipalities have noise by-laws, including Stanhope, the wording is often too ambiguous to lead to a successful conviction, he said in a later interview. "For the law to be enforced, the by-laws need to be clearer," he said, encouraging municipalities to work with their lawyers to draft more enforceable rules.

For instance, he's had a complaint from a woman who cottages on a lake where there's a camp. She says the campers are making too much noise when they play in the water and "she's demanding the police to go out to get them to stop. Under Stanhope's present by-law (which forbids noise that infringes upon the 'peace, quiet, comfort or repose' of anyone nearby), she could have the kids charged."

There's also the problem of simply not having enough offi-

cers to respond to all the calls. Last Friday night, there were two officers on duty. They received a noise complaint and were unable to attend the call because they were tied up on another matter. The incident was reported to the day patrol, who would have gone out to at least let the noise-makers know there had been a complaint.

Can't more officers be hired, someone asked.

Stanhope Reeve Eleanor Harrison and Councillor Jim Hicks reminded the audience that paying for the OPP is now a municipal responsibility. In Stanhope, it will cost property taxpayers \$130,000 simply to maintain the present level of service. Any increase in service would necessitate a tax increase since costs are allocated by the number of calls per municipality.

But why should the costs be borne by people who aren't creating the problem, asked Mary Gordon. If she has to phone the police to complain about her neighbours, why can't the cost of the visit be paid by the people making the noise?

To help the police, Const. Davis suggested people first try to rectify the situation themselves by talking to the neighbour. Chances are, if one person is bothered, quite a few people in the area are bothered, and they

could approach the neighbour together. Incidents should also be documented. (One woman suggested using a video camera.)

"The onus shouldn't always

come down to us," countered Janice Auger. One man said "if there's a party at three in the morning and 20 people are on the lawn and drunk, we're not going to go over and say 'hey

guys..."

"Certainly, if there's a party and you can't sleep, give us a call," Const. Davis said. "If we can, we will come."



LUCKY TICKET:

Echo summer student Camilla Pettit pulls out the winning ticket in the Rotary Club of Haliburton's early bird draw. Rotary Carnival chair Ray Selbie (left), and Rotary president Jerry Walker will award \$500 to the holder of the winning ticket, Cassandra Nimigon of Haliburton.

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MULLING OVER THE NUMBERS:

County CAO Les Shepherd, photo at left, leads county councillors, including (from left) Jim McMahon, Elva Bates, Doug Holman, Bill Howe and Jeanne Anthon, through this year's budget. Councillors adopted the budget Tuesday during a special meeting.

County wades through confusion to pass budget

■ *Despite additional responsibilities, overall impact on taxpayers remains unchanged*

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

It was a slow and confusing process, but the operating budget for 1998 was finally passed by county council Tuesday at a special meeting of the steering committee.

"There are so many things going on at once. That's the difficulty all of us are having," said county CAO Les Shepherd.

"Everything has changed. It's all out the window and everything's new."

With the transfer of certain provincial services to municipal governments, the county has had to organize a budget that is almost double that of last year, increased to more than \$23 million from \$13 million in 1997.

And with delays in receiving information on changes to provincial assessments and education taxes, the budget has come 3 1/2 months behind schedule.

"Normally the county budget has to be approved by the end of March so the townships can use it to make their budgets. This year that wasn't possible because we didn't know a lot of these things," said Shepherd.

This year the county will have to take full financial responsibility for a number of downloaded

services, including policing.

One of the biggest new expenses for 1998 is the transfer of responsibility for sections of four provincial highways to the county. Highways 121, 503, 507 and 648 will cost the county almost \$800,000 to maintain this year.

To deal with these costs, the county has taken about \$500,000 out of its highway capital reserve.

The province has increased its grant to the county by more than \$2 million to cover the new expenses, and will continue to offer grants for the next four years.

The county estimates it will be able to collect an additional \$45,000 in investment interest from government grants this year.

Shepherd said, however, that when these provincial grants expire, a large tax increase might be necessary to offset the costs of transferred services.

Budget highlights

- The county has included an additional \$75,000 in the 1998 budget to cover the many tax rebates it expects to issue in the wake of the province's new property tax rate assessment, which will likely generate a large number of appeals.
- County salaries and benefits

have risen by more than \$73,000 this year, \$15,000 of which has been allocated for the hiring of new office staff.

Shepherd said the additional increase accounts for modest salary increases and the transfer of certain salary payments from outside departments to the county office.

- The county is contributing about \$400,000 more to the health unit this year, including \$15,000 to cover interest on a loan the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board has taken out to begin construction on Haliburton Hospital and Hyland Crest.

In return, the county has reduced its 1998 allocation to Hyland Crest by \$91,000 to account for the lower operating costs it has incurred since Extendicare was contracted to take over the facility 2 1/2 years ago.

- The county had a surplus of about \$180,000 left over from the 1997 budget. It earned more than \$34,000 in interest from its investments last year.

- The county library budget has increased by more than \$26,000 for 1998 to account for salary increases and the deficit the library board incurred in 1997.

- A new expense for 1998 is a \$20,000 levy for the Official Plan,

a county initiative to promote economic development. The levy covers the cost of the consultants and contractors the county will hire in 1998.

Tax rates set

Tax payers will see some immediate changes to their 1998 tax bills because of transfers in education funding and tax collection being implemented by the province.

Residential education taxes formerly set by the school board have now been equalized across Ontario.

The provincial government will set rates and collect a percentage of the education tax from residential tax payers (20 per cent in Haliburton County), while municipalities will set and collect education taxes from industrial and commercial property owners.

The 1998 education tax rate Council set Tuesday for occupied commercial properties is 0.016775 and for occupied industrial properties is 0.015674.

Shepherd said tax payers can

now expect to see a smaller share of their municipal tax bills dedicated to education taxes and a greater share dedicated to property taxes.

The changes, he said, will offset each other.

"The total cost to the tax payer has not changed," said Shepherd. "We're actually better off than we would have been under the old formula."

Property tax rates have been set at 0.002251 for residential and farm properties, 0.003137 for multi-residential properties, 0.003338 for occupied commercial properties and 0.003868 for occupied industrial properties.

Warden Murray Fearrey said he is proud that the county has been able to maintain tax rates under the difficult circumstances it faced.

"We were able to bring in a budget that doesn't show an extra increase for tax payers, especially when the new assessment is coming in. It's a bare bones budget. I think it's as good as the county can do under the circumstances."

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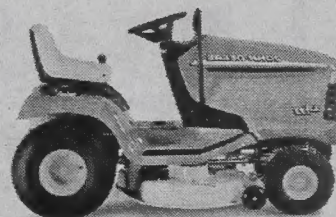


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Long-term care gets an additional \$1.1-million

The Community Care Access Centre in Victoria-Haliburton and Northumberland has received \$1.1 million this year for community-based long-term care, Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson announced recently.

"This funding means people all across Ontario who need health support at home such as in-home nursing, homemaking and therapy will have more services available to them," said Hodgson.

The additional funding for CCACs is part of the multi-year increase in annual funding for long-term care announced April 29 by Health Minister Elizabeth Witmer.

"This funding will bring stability and integration among health care partners, including

hospitals, community-based care providers and nursing homes and homes for the aged," said Hodgson.

"The government continues expanding long-term care," said Robert Fera, chair of Ontario Association of Community Care Access Centres. "The role of the Community Care Access Centres has been enhanced. This government has never refused dollars to community care organizations where need was proven."

Community Care Access Centres recently opened all across Ontario to provide people with one place to call when they need long-term care services such as in-home nursing, therapy, homemaking or access to a nursing home or home for the aged.



READY TO SWING: Murray Fearrey, centre, the warden of Haliburton County, was the first to buy tickets for the Midsummer's Night Ball. Selling him the tickets are Dale Walker, chairperson, and Ray Selbie, vice-chairman, of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, which will receive at least \$55 from each of the \$100 tickets sold.

Swing band gets people in the mood to raise money

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Take one big band, add a good cause, and you'll get an evening that's both fun and beneficial to the county.

The GTA Swing Band will be the guests of honour at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's Midsummer's Night Ball at the PineStone on August 29. The band, whom people might remember from their benefit concert at Head Lake Park last summer, promise to get everyone in the mood for a fun time. It's hoped people will even be in the mood

to dance the night away.

The gala starts with a "terrific menu," says Diane Springstein, the Foundation's executive director. The PineStone's chefs have created a special five-course meal and Pelee Wines is supplying the wines for the dinner. There will also be wine tasting booths courtesy of Pelee Island Wines, Good Spirits, Peter Mielzynski Agencies and Nihco Ltd.

At midnight, Peter and Sandy Valentine will be pulling out the name of the winner of a \$1,000 diamond necklace. The Valentines won the necklace (on Valentine's Day, no less), and have donated it to the Foundation as a fundraiser. Second prize on the raffle is a Robert Bateman print and third is a restaurant package: dinner for

four at PineStone, dinner for four and an evening of Yuk Yuk's at Wigamog, and dinner for four at Bonnie View Inn.

Only 180 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$100 each for the dinner and dance and of that ticket price, a minimum of \$55 will go to the Foundation.

Tickets are available at the Foundation office in the lower level of The Village Barn in Haliburton.

Meanwhile, don't forget there's another fun opportunity to support the Foundation on August 1 when Bobby Curtola brings his music to the Minden Community Centre. This 1950s heart-throb has kept his magic and organizers say he puts on a fantastic show. People are also invited to dress up in their best 1950s costumes. Tickets are \$25.

Americans give economy a boost

from page 1

While the Canadian dollar is lagging, the economy is booming, and that is good news for local businesses.

Dean said local business owners have expressed confidence in the economy and have begun to invest in their operations.

The PineStone resort has begun a \$140,000 upgrade this

year to improve its facilities. The Wigamog Inn and Sunny Rock Lodge Bed & Breakfast have also undergone recent expansions.

"It's a much more securely based type of tourism economy this year," said Dean. "Folks can now start to make longer range plans than they could before as far as having dollars to work with goes."

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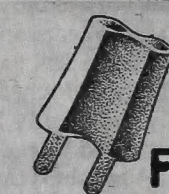
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Inventory helps county prepare for restructuring

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the county's steering committee meeting July 14.

In preparation for the potential amalgamation of the county's two levels of government, council has been preparing an inventory of government services that will have to be divided between the upper and lower tiers of any new government.

"We want to be as efficient as we can be, but not take away local services. That's what people pay taxes for," said warden Murray Fearrey.

Some of the services identified as part of the county's jurisdiction were ambulance, police and emergency preparedness, economic development, the library system and social services.

By-law enforcement, retirement homes, tax collection, transit and waste management were among the services that will likely remain municipal responsibilities.

Council is considering dividing between the upper and lower tiers of government the operation of several other services, including planning, fire departments, parks and recreation and capital borrowing.

The care of county roads, said Fearrey, will be the most critical service to deal with because it is the county's greatest expense.

"This is where savings can come in," he said. "This item is so big on our amalgamation plate, it could dictate how we amalgamate."

Council discussed hiring a private contractor to assess the most efficient way to care for county roads.

"I think it's important that we

bring an unbiased individual in to show us what we need to look at," said Bicroft reeve William Howe.

Snowdon reeve Ross Rigney also expressed concern about the need for an independent body to address policing costs.

"When we're paying the kind of costs we're paying for policing, I don't think it's good enough just to have an advisory committee. I think we need a police services board."

Workfare

In response to the recently implemented Ontario Works Motor Vehicle Directive, council passed a resolution to request that the Minister of Community and Social Services amend the directive to allow families in rural areas to keep up to two vehicles while receiving social assistance.

The directive allows families collecting social assistance to

own no more than one vehicle, which does not exceed \$5,000 in value.

Council argued that in rural communities without transportation systems, two vehicles might be required by families in which two adults are working in different locations.

Council will send the Ministry a request to take the circumstances of Haliburton County into consideration.

Charity rebate

Charities can now apply for a rebate on taxes they pay for any commercial or industrial properties they occupy.

Council passed a by-law stating that registered charities can now receive a 40 per cent rebate.

To qualify for a rebate on 1998 taxes, charities must apply at their local municipal office by October 1, and by December 1 in subsequent years.

OPP cruiser, boat vandalized

Officers at the Minden OPP detachment are investigating two separate incidents that left one of a police cruiser and a police boat damaged.

On July 7, a cruiser had been left at Curry Motors in Haliburton for repairs. Sometime during the night the cruiser's roof, windshield, emergency lights, driver's side mirror, and door were damaged. Damage is estimated at approximately \$3,900.

Sometime between 4 p.m., July 15, and 7 a.m., July 16, the detachment's marine unit was damaged during a break and enter at the MTO garage on Highway 35 just south of Minden. During the break-in, suspects spray-painted the boat, its contents and the trailer with yellow paint. Damage is estimated at \$2,500.

Police are continuing their investigation. If anyone has any information regarding these incidents they are requested to contact the Minden OPP or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-461-TIPS (8477).



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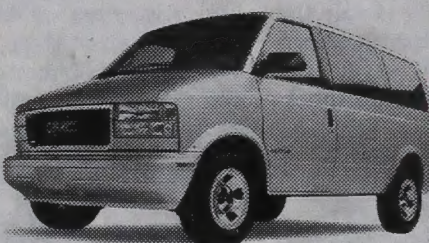
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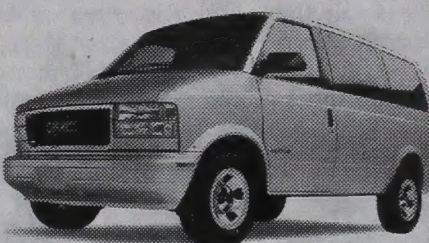
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Second-hand noise

At first it seemed like the cottagers who have been here a long time were simply having difficulties adjusting to the fact that so many other people have discovered what they've known for decades – the Highlands is a wonderful place in the summer. Back in the 1950s, coming up to the cottage was almost like visiting another country – idyllic pastoral scenes, few boats on the lakes, shorelines with few inhabitants. Then those kilometres of tree-lined shoreline were severed into building lots and gradually, year after year, more trees were cut down to make room for yet another cottage.

Remembering back to those more idyllic times, veteran cottagers have been expressing their dismay at modern cottage life. But are the complaints just a yearning for the way things used to be?

At Saturday's Kushog Lake meeting, one woman told of her neighbours who arrive every weekend with what

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seems like an entire family tree planted in the back of the car. With 20 people enjoying one cottage, it's understandable they make a lot of noise; 20 people usually do. That enjoying-

summer-in-the-Highlands noise would have been tolerable if it ended at a reasonable hour. Instead, it stretches long into the night and then morning as these neighbours bring out their instruments and have a little sing song. Frustrated in her attempts to get any peaceful and quiet enjoyment of her own cottage, this woman says she might have to sell. But she's angry that although she's not the one causing the problem, she's the one who's going to have to suffer the consequences.

After the meeting, one of the older cottagers on the lake came over to the younger woman to commiserate. Yes, part of the problem is there are simply more people, but, the woman added, there's something "very '90s" about the conflicts which are emerging.

She's right. Increasingly, people seem to believe they have a right to enjoy themselves in any way they want. If they want to yell at someone inside the cottage instead of making the effort to go inside, that's their right. If they want to invite friends up, and those friends like to unwind with a little music, it's their right. If they think zooming back and forth on a personal watercraft is fun, that's their right. Their property, their right. And who should complain in the Highlands. Compared to the city, life on the lake represents untrammelled freedom. Rules and stress are for the city.

This attitude is a reflection of our increasing retreat from being a civil society – civil as in thinking about others, as well as ourselves. As society becomes more individualistic, we're losing the sense that we are part of some larger whole to which we have certain obligations. Not making our cottage neighbours want to pack up and move is one of them.

For some people, the solution is hiring more police to play the heavy. Given how widespread and socially endemic the problem is, however, we'd have to become a police state before things quiet down. Besides, the police should not be our social arbitrators. Noise is a social problem, not a criminal one. Instead, we've got to make second-hand noise as unacceptable as second-hand smoke. Just as one smoker's cigarette can ruin a meal for others in a restaurant, one person's loud voice or noisy habits can ruin a weekend at the cottage for neighbours.

highlands images



Anne Richmond relaxes on her dock on Minden Home and Garden Tour

by Dianne Choma

letters to the editor

Teaching reforms reflect changing times

To the Editor:

Teachers, it's time to take a look around.

I was pleased to read in last week's letter to the editor that the teachers of Ontario choose to work so hard because "they like it" and because, among other things, "they understand that they are making a valuable contribution to the school community, as well as the community at large." Hard work and commitment are the blocks on which a successful community is built and who better than the teachers to convey this to our children.

It may surprise the teachers to know that those of us who also work hard recognize clearly the excellent effort that they put forth. Unfortunately, we too are forced to scurry around inhaling

our lunch while trying to steal a few hours with our families when we can. It may also surprise them to know that majority of Ontarians work hard and that each one makes a valuable contribution to the community at large.

The challenge is that over the past decade we, as consumers, have continued to demand more for less. It would be great if the IGA could increase the price of food enough to afford its employees an extra week's holiday but as you know, each one of us, teachers included, would shop at valumart if it did.

The current pace of life which we are forced to lead is crazy and it is unreasonable that the teachers should be forced to give up their 72-minutes of prep time. Unfortunately, it is the reality of the environment in

which we live today. It's not my fault, it's not their fault, and it's certainly not Premier Harris' fault. We as consumers have collectively created this environment and we as consumers mandated Premier Harris to be our messenger and deliver this bitter pill. It's rather like being the messenger on the Titanic who told the captain they'd hit an iceberg and were sinking. It's impossible to believe but real just the same.

As consumers we expect the teacher to provide our children with a quality education complete with all the trimmings and we now want it all for less. Right or wrong, we expect them to work harder than they have in the past; we expect them to work as hard as we do.

Stephen Wilcox,
Working Hard in Haliburton

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Union flag not just for English

To the Editor:

It was with great sadness that I read John Southcombe's Letter to the Editor, (Echo, July 14, 1998). Of Anglo-Scottish decent, with my eldest son, a police officer, still living and working in Edinburgh, I am very proud to recognize the Union Flag.

Because, it is just that. A flag to symbolize the union of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland. It is not as Mr. Southcombe indicated, the flag of England.

Scotland's flag, the Cross of St. Andrew, is an integral component of the Union

See Anti-flag page 9

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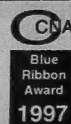


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The Shepherd

LOOKING BACK, Kate realized the Shepherd had meant as much to her father as it had to Kate and her sisters. Before the family acquired it, Kate had never even heard of a boat called Shepherd, let alone know enough to covet one. It was the first and only really "good" boat they owned in all those years growing up at the cottage. From then on, time was marked as before or after the Shepherd.



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Her father had bought it second hand through a classified ad in the Toronto Star. Kate was not aware he had been looking for a boat until the night after supper he asked her if she wanted to go with him to look at a boat. Being the oldest had certain advantages. Apparently her mother would accept whatever decision was made and so stayed home to put the younger children to bed.

Kate recalled being in a stranger's garage or basement, the cement walls grey and shadowy. She could feel her father's excitement in the silence as the two men and herself gazed at what looked to be the biggest boat in the world. Wide and thick as a whale, it dwarfed the space around it. Kate had not been much impressed.

She liked their own little yellow rowboat with its five and a half horsepower engine. It handled beautifully through the shallow narrows, and she could dock it with her eyes closed. Her loyalty rested there, not with this big thing that looked more like a piece of furniture than a boat a ten-year-old could take for a spin. She felt uneasy. Change was coming to the cottage and Kate preferred it all stay the way it had always been.

However, that changed when she saw the Shepherd in the water. Like a whale, its element was the water and once launched, the boat suddenly became a sleek and gleaming transporter to new worlds. The sun reflected off its chrome in a blinding dazzle and the mahogany shone through layer upon layer of shellac. The boat had lights, a steering wheel and seats like the family car. There was a windshield and even a flag.

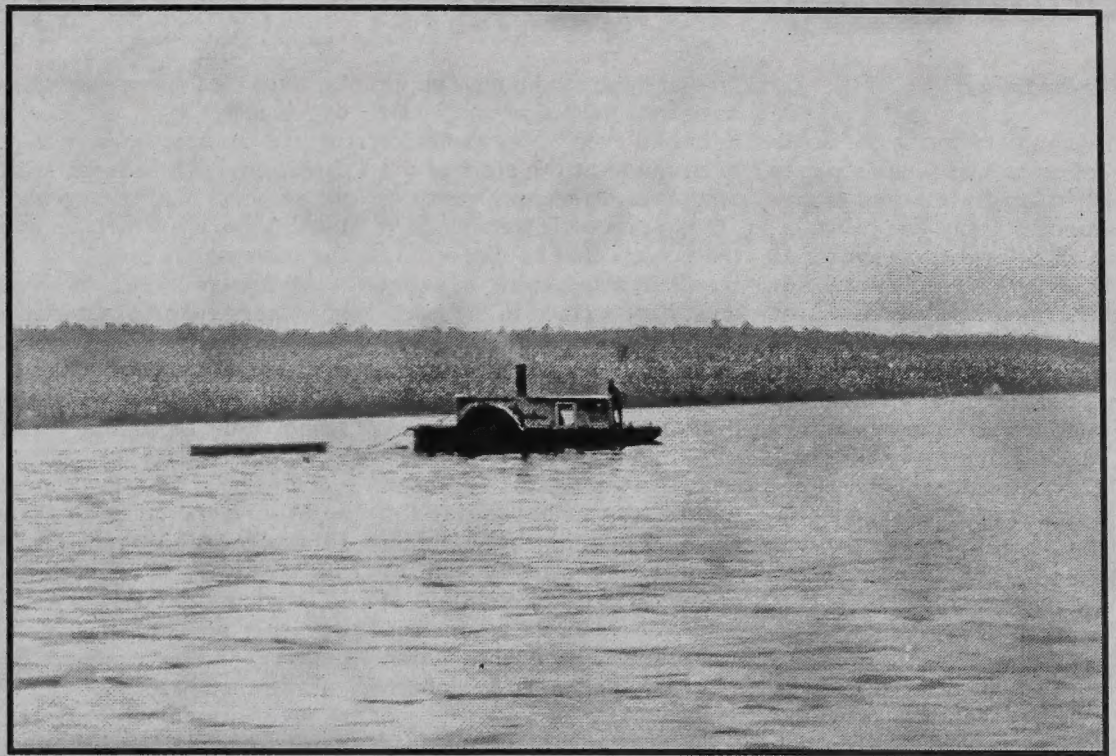
Everything within the Shepherd's glow seemed to pick up some of its sheen, looking somehow better. The dock appeared more steadfast, the boathouse more protective, her father more proud. Kate's mother had given him a white peaked cap with an anchor sewn in blue thread on the front and he wore like an admiral. Sounding the horn - didn't every boat have a horn, Kate had then mused - her father signalled everyone to come on board. He was taking them for the first ride.

The boat made its way through the channel and then her father opened it up. As though struck by a harpoon, the boat reared up and for a second Kate felt alarm. But then it planed out and the six of them skimmed across the lake at a smooth and exhilarating speed. At that moment, all thoughts of the little yellow rowboat vanished from Kate's mind.

Of course, she continued to use the painted boat - it would be years before she was allowed to take the Shepherd out by herself. In the meantime, she had to be content with her role as passenger and lookout for her sisters' skiing.

Those summers were probably the only real vacations her father had at the cottage. The Shepherd forced him to put down his hammer, saw and shovel because if he wasn't in the boat, no one else was. Mother was nervous driving it on her own and Kate was too young. So her father was the pilot, his face tanned the same colour as the boat's bow, the lines etched around his eyes and mouth less noticeable on those summer days.

Kate thought the Shepherd was the best boat ever made and no one could convince her otherwise. Not only had it transformed her summers, it had managed, at least for a few years, to transform her father.



pic of the past

This week's Pic of the Past takes us to Paudash Lake sometime between 1928 and 1935. This is a steamboat going up the lake and pulling a boom of logs towards

Hubbels mill. Our thanks to Jo ann Rootham of Thornhill for sharing the photo with us. She used to cottage on an island on the lake.

Union Jack flag flap unwarranted

To the Editor:

I saw a tee-shirt at the Highland Games that read, "If it's not Scottish, it's Crap". Well, I think the letter in last week's "Echo" from John Southcombe proved it wrong.

Mr. Southcombe seems to be labouring under the impression that the Union Jack is an English flag. It is, in fact, the flag of the United Kingdom.

There was a union of the Scottish and English thrones from (1603 - 1707), and parliaments from then on. The Union Jack is the result of that union, (hence the word union). It is made up of a combination of the crosses of St. George, St. Andrew, and St. Patrick.

I hope this clears up the problem for Mr. Southcombe (a very English sounding name).

Doug Simmonds,
Haliburton

Students grateful to Legion, coaches for holding track meets

To the Editor:

We would like to thank the Legion for the track and field meets they've held this summer. They were wonderful experiences and we had a great time. We appreciated being able to continue track and field even after the school season was over.

We would also like to thank our coaches Mr. Morissette, Mr. Toše and Mr. Davies for their

help throughout the school year and summer. Thanks to Craig Harding and Mrs. Morissette for chaperoning us and thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Doan and Mr. and Mrs. Dron for driving us to and from the meet at York University.

Lian Dron,
On behalf of the Haliburton
District F Track Team

Hospital needs continued support

To the Editor:

With all the lake association annual meetings coming up, I would like all fellow cottagers to remember our hospital. We are indeed very fortunate to have this small hospital in "our" village, with a dedicated staff. I have experienced this personally last year.

My late husband, Gord, had a fall off our cottage roof. He was taken in by ambulance (driver Tammy and partner were terrific) to the hospital in Haliburton.

He was attended by Dr. N. Bottom, who is tops. Gord took a turn for the worst and they took him by ambulance to Toronto. Dr. Bottom went with him and they saved his life that night. After six weeks we lost him but they gave my kids and I six weeks and we will be forever grateful.

I saw what people at Kennisid, let's follow suit!

Mrs. M. C. Fisk,
Haliburton

Anti-flag diatribe insulting

From page 8

"Jack", providing the colour blue. Furthermore, the original "Jack" comprised only the flags of England and Scotland and would be recognized as the United Empire Loyalist flag flown so proudly through many parts of southern Ontario, even today. The Lion Rampant that Mr. Southcombe refers to is not the official flag of Scotland,

but what is known as a Standard.

A greater sadness comes over me, however, when I think of all the loyal Scots who have fought and died in wars, all around the world defending their Union Jack. They have been insulted by this thoughtless and misinformed diatribe.

Keith Whiten,
Eagle Lake

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Cancellation of high-school sports a political ploy to foster unrest

To the Editor:

I was interested to see some reaction in last week's paper with regards to some of my comments about the cancellation of after school sports at HHSS. Since I do care what teachers think of me, not enough though to make me rescind what I believe to be true, and teacher Sharon Dibblee seemed to take some exception at my comments, I thought I might expand on what I meant.

My calling the cancellation of after school athletic competition a ploy by the unions is founded on the following points.

1. The cancellation was made before the true amount of prep time to be cut had been established. The literature provided by the government clearly states that there will be an allotted period of adjustment, of at least one year, to the new regulations. I imagine that this includes the reduced amount of prep time. In addition they said that they were going to cut somewhere from one-third to one-half of the prep time, not all of it. That still leaves at least 38 minutes of prep time. If the current semester system does not allow for this time to be had then the system will have to adjust.

2. The cancellation of after school sports occurred without, as far as I could tell, any focused or concerted attempts to work

around these conditions. I might have held the action in a better light had even a token attempt been made at the start of the school year to keep athletics.

3. No proposals were made to the powers that be that would result in a lessening of what must have seemed to the teachers as the absolutely impossible conditions in order that sport could continue to be a valuable part of high school. (I use the phrasing "must have seemed...impossible" because I would like to hope that the teachers making this decision would call a cancellation for nothing less than conditions of that nature, else the enthusiasm and passion I have witnessed in some for sport must have been feigned.

An example of a possible alternative: allowing teachers who coach teams to have additional prep time in recognition of their increased educational burden and contribution while at the same time reducing the prep time for others who choose to give none of their time to extracurricular activities. As well, perhaps the school could solicit volunteers from outside the faculty to help keep the sports alive, though maybe the union's harsh opposition to the involvement of those outside of the teaching profession in education could be representative of a deeper insecurity and a desire

to guard themselves against loss of power.

Here are some things that I discovered while researching for this letter that are, in general, making me absolutely livid at the teachers' unions:

1. While coaching is technically a volunteer program, there is hardly a high school worthy of the appellation in Canada or the US that does not have an after school athletic program staffed by teachers.

2. I went to Statistics Canada and found the chart on 'Total Expenditures on Education for the Provinces and Territories'.

Ontario ranks third highest on the list of per student spending (after PEI and the Yukon)

As further proof of Ontario's relative educational inefficiency I put forward the following costs per teacher in all provinces. Yukon - \$84,454, NWT - \$74,777, Ontario - \$71,888, BC - \$62,782, Alberta - \$61,853, Nova Scotia - \$59,564, Quebec, \$58,776, PEI - \$56,180, Manitoba - \$55,315, Sask. - \$51,883, Nfld. - \$51,763, NB - \$51,452. This is in the face of the fact that the government says that Ontario students are scoring below the other provinces on tests such as TIMSS (international science and math comparison test) whereas the unions state (in at least one instance) that Ontario students held their own relative to others. (The

truth is probably somewhere in the middle, as usual.)

Yet the excuse the teachers' publication used for lower marks was disturbing. They said that the curriculum in BC matched 97% of the material on the tests and Alberta matched 94% yet Ontario's curriculum matched only 74%. the publication then said that we should be proud of our students for the accomplishment of 'average' standings. One question though: How is it that our curriculum is only 74% on topic of a test conceived by as auspicious an organization as the IEA (International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement)? IEA is an association of universities, research institutes and ministries of education that conducts cooperative international research studies in education. IEA has conducted several international studies and now has over 50 members, including members from British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec. That proves several of the points that the government has been making with regards to centralizing control of the curriculum as these other provinces (Alberta and BC both) have done.

4. Here is another kicker: The percentage of total budget spent on teacher salaries and fringe benefits: Newfoundland - 61%, Ontario/PEI - 58%, Nova Scotia

- 57%, Que./Sask./NB - 48%, Manitoba/BC - 47%, Yukon - 44.5%, NWT - 31.6%, Alberta - 21%. Want to know the amount spent per year in Ontario (as of 1996 remember) on teacher's salaries and benefits? \$8,583,200,000 out of a total education budget of \$14,790,800,000. From the other efficiency numbers mentioned above I can see the need for a centralization of control and legislated (i.e. it's now the law) quality control.

In the face of these reasons I cannot help but be moved to believe that the action by COSSA to cancel after school sports was made almost solely on political grounds specifically, in fact, to foster unrest among students and their parents and then, by pointing the figurative finger at the government, to gain more support for their cause. That is simply unjustified and wrong.

Issues should be taken up between the government and the unions themselves; one party should not ever, ever stoop to such a low as to hold something as sacred as the education and experience of youth hostage. In my perhaps insignificant opinion even the political protest (read strike, re: denial of services) of the past school year was ill conceived in this respect.

While I sympathize somewhat with the difficult position the teachers are in, I find their negotiating tactics ethically questionable. Another way to demonstrate the unions' displeasure with the centralization of power should have, and should be, found; something which would demonstrate teachers' commitment to students and education as much as their dissatisfaction with the impending policy.

Chris Martin's easy-going nature made those around him smile

To the Editor:

I'm writing this letter in respect to a good friend who suddenly passed away this week. His name is Chris Martin. Anyone who met Chris realized he loved life. Chris demonstrated this through his

eagerness to help other people.

As a volunteer fireman, I learn to work quickly and respectfully but I never lose heart to the situation. When someone close suddenly passes away it makes you stop and be thankful for what you have.

Chris owned his own home

and worked hard in the community. His happy-go-lucky nature made other people smile. I remember when my daughters were born and Chris was over at my home. He gently and gracefully held my daughters and I realized another trait in Chris, he had family

values.

I believe God has a need for Chris and some day we will meet again. Peace be with you, Chris.

Your friend
Peter McTeague,
Eagle Lake

John Craig,
OAC student, HHSS,
Haliburton



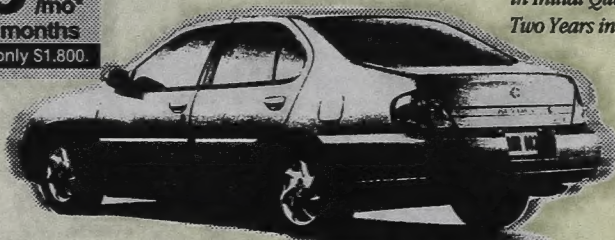
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Seven Haliburton County track and field athletes were invited to the Royal Canadian Legion's Ontario championships recently in Toronto. Members of the contingent included (front, from left): Liane Dron, Kori Roberts and Nicole Cooper. Back from left: Scot Curry, Mark Comeau, Kenny Mott and Jamie Doan.



Athletes record personal bests at Legion track meet

PAUL MORISSETTE

Coach

Seven Haliburton County track and field athletes competed in the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario track and field championships on July 11 and 12 at York University in Toronto.

The Haliburton participants formed part of the 40-member District F team and had been selected to the team based upon

their District F meet results.

The Haliburton contingent enjoyed a great competition. Several of the athletes came through with personal best performances, finishing in the top six. Scot Curry placed sixth in the spring hurdles with a time of 16.01. Ken Mott threw a personal best 43.31 in the discus to place fifth and won a bronze medal in the shot put with a toss of 13.70 metres. Jamie Doan was fifth in the javelin tossing the larger 800 gram implement over 40 metres. Kori Roberts threw a personal best 24.96 metres in the discus to place sixth. Nicole Cooper's 30-metre-plus discus throw placed her fifth. Liane Dron placed in the top six in all three events in which she competed. Liane was fifth in the shot put, fourth in the discus and won the silver medal in the discus with a 31 metre throw.

The meet capped off a terrific season for these athletes. The team would like to thank the Haliburton Branch 129 of the Royal Canadian Legion for their sponsorship and support, team member parents and all the coaches who volunteered their time and expertise.

MNR extends draw deadline for deer validation tags

The deadline for applying for the 1998 antlerless deer validation tag draw has been extended by 10 days, to Monday, August 10.

This will give hunters an additional time period during which they can purchase their deer hunting licence and submit their application for an antlerless deer validation tag.

The Ministry of Natural Resources decided on the 10-day extension because production delays held up arrival of

Residents and Farmers Deer Licences at issuer locations. Hunting licences will be available at most hunting licence issuer locations throughout the province by July 17.

The extension of the deadline helps hunters who apply in person for the Antlerless Deer Validation Tag Draw. The application forms are now available and this extension provides additional time to apply. Hunters should ensure that their application reaches a ministry

district or area office, or the address on the back of the application by no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, August 10.

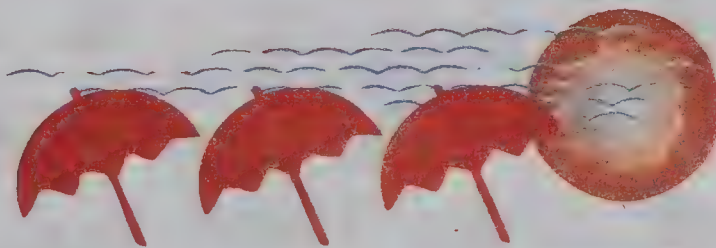
Hunters may also apply by telephone using MNR's Telephone Application and Licensing System. The system has not been affected by the delay in production of application forms.

However, MNR is also extending the deadline for the telephone system to 11:50 p.m. (EDT), Monday, August 10 for

added convenience. It is important for hunters to note that applications received after the new draw deadline of August 10 will not be entered into this year's draw.

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Fore!: Big Brothers, Big Sisters host golf competition

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Victoria-Haliburton is holding a "Closest To The Hole Golf Competition" at Haliburton Highlands Golf Course on July 18 and 19, July 25 and 26 and August 1 and 2.

Over the three-weekend period, golfers who wish to participate pay a \$5 entry fee before teeing off at the par 3 eighth hole. Those golfers whose shot hits the green will be entered into the competition.

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"We are just thrilled to receive this type

of support from Haliburton Highlands Golf Course. They contacted us to offer their course for free. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to raise much needed funds but far more important than that is the opportunity for us to be more visible in the community," said Dianne Austin, Executive Director for Big Brothers and Big Sisters for Victoria-Haliburton.

"The need for 'Bigs' is ever present. We currently have 40 boys and 12 girls waiting for that special friend, 10 of those children live in Haliburton County," said Ms. Austin. "We will have information available at the event and be more than willing to speak to individuals who might be considering becoming a Big Brother, Big Sister or Big Couple. We need adult volunteers, especially men, to share a fun-filled friendship with a child."

As a Big Brother, Big Sister or Big Couple volunteer, you do not have to adhere to a rigid weekly schedule when meeting with your "Little" but instead work out a schedule that is good for both of you. The ways in which "Bigs" and "Littles" connect and how often varies from friendship to friendship. Being a friend to a child does not involve spending a lot of money. In fact, most "Bigs" and "Littles" engage in free or almost free activities. "We focus on matching the

adult volunteer with a child who shares the same kind of interests," says Ms. Austin.

So if you are planning to go golfing over the next three weekends, take a little extra money with you and support a great cause while having some fun. Also, give a little thought to how you could make a difference in a child's life, and your own, by sharing just a few hours of your time. The rewards to both of you will be great!

Haliburton lake levels decline by 3.9%

The loss from the Haliburton reservoirs for the week ending July 13 was a total of 3.9%, which is a near normal for the summer months. It was expected that last week would see more rapid decline since there was little precipitation, varying from only 1 mm. to several mm. for the week, and little was forecast.

The Burnt River, Mississauga River

and Eels Creek all ran above minimum flow while the Gull was run very close to its minimum.

The Severn area saw Lake Simcoe decline 4 cm. in the week, but it is still 5 cm. above the rule curve. It is expected that the lake level will continue to slide due to the dry week anticipated, but will still be above normal.



A 52-POUNDER: Roy Boughner, left, is now a member of the exclusive Over 50 Club of Lakers Unlimited, a fishing guide company based in Alberta. On a recent outing on Lake Athabaska in northern Saskatchewan, the Haliburton resident caught this 52-pound lake trout, the second largest caught on the lake. (The other one was 55 pounds.) He was using spinning tackle with a 12-lb test line and released the fish after it was weighed. Before this, Boughner had caught only the five-pound version while fishing on Redstone Lake. Boughner and his wife Marilyn were in Saskatchewan visiting with their daughter Susan and her husband Brian Telford.

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Membership support rebounds for LKO

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Saturday night's annual general meeting of the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization at PineStone, with approximately 100 people in attendance.

The crowded room was indicative of the renewed support for the organization, which a year ago was in danger of folding because of lack of membership and people to stand for executive office. Since the warning cry was issued, however, membership has more than doubled; 202 members had paid their \$20 by Saturday, with more renewing their memberships that night.

At an earlier executive meeting, president John Hincks had rescinded his notice of motion from last year's AGM to discuss the disbanding of the LKO should membership not increase by this AGM. He then put forward another motion to reflect changes proposed by the LKO's options committee, which was formed to look into options available should membership continue to fall below 100 as well as what could be done to avoid the same situation from arising again.

The committee, headed by past-president Mary Hincks, noted people are often hesitant about putting their name forward for executive positions such as president and vice-president. It proposed to change the constitution to allow the seven elected board directors to then chose amongst themselves who will stand in each position. This change, accepted at Saturday's meeting, will come into effect next year.

Other suggestions to increase participation, such as increased marketing and networking, have or will be implemented as more volunteers step forward.

John Hincks congratulated the options committee "for an outstanding job to help keep this organization alive."

Water quality

There was some bad news, of course. Lake Steward Trevor Babbs, who volunteers to take water samples which are sent to a private laboratory for analysis four times a season, says there is a marked increase in phosphorous levels in the Silver Beach and Venture Bay test areas.

Phosphorous, which can be found in such things as soaps and fertilizer, may be leaking into the lake from faulty septic systems. It causes an increase in weed growth and generally, is not good for the lake.

Babbs suggested getting an outside expert opinion about the results and what may be causing the increase, and perhaps to do further testing for other harmful agents, such as nitrogen; the association agreed. Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey also agreed to ask the local health unit, which is responsible for septic systems, to look into the problem.

It is not believed that the sewage treatment plant is responsible, since the water near its discharge area is of good quality.

The only resort already hooked up to the new sewage line is Wigamog/The Moose, and others hope to be on by the end of this year. The deadline for mandatory hook-up is next September. A group of resorts has also been paying for the laboratory tests, which cost approximately \$450. (The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' was credited with helping to get that down from \$1,200.)

Fish life

Fish are an important part of the lake's health, both biologically and recreationally, and Babbs praised the efforts of two local groups in increasing both our knowledge of local fish population, and the number of fish available to be caught.

Fifty volunteers with the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association have been collecting fish eggs and raising them into hatchlings, which are then released into area lakes. These young fish have to be fed three times a day, 362 days a year, and volunteers must also be on hand if any problems, such as a power outage, occur. "They're doing a job for us," says Babbs.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School science teacher Dave Mowat and his students have been compiling data about fish habitats. One of their findings was that the banks near a successful walleye spawning area are in danger of sliding into the water, destroying the spawning area. The students' information about changes in the lake bed complements Babbs' algae readings and can help the organization spot problems and try to alleviate them.

"We really need their support," he said of the two groups' efforts, urging the organization to play a leadership role in supporting them financially, in the hopes other organizations will follow suit.

Cottage Watch

FOCA is encouraging lake associations to set up volunteer Cottage Watches, similar to Neighbourhood Watch, but if it's to be implemented on Kashagawigamog, someone must come forward to co-ordinate it.

The number of break-ins in cottage areas is increasing, and it's hoped Cottage Watch would help prevent a further increase.

Later in the meeting, guest speaker Sgt. Brad Schlorff of the OPP's provincial marine unit, said some areas have even hired students to do cottage checks in addition to other duties such as keeping an eye out for nuisance boaters. He cautioned that at no time should volunteers or hired students try to be "pseudo-police", since that could be dangerous.

Donation

Ray Selbie, vice-chairman of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and a Grass Lake resident, thanked the organization for its \$500 donation, adding that more money will be needed as the initiatives to add 30 long-term care beds at Haliburton Hospital and redevelop Hyland Crest to bring the seniors' residence up to present standards and add an emergency department begin in earnest this fall.

"Over the years (I've been a lawyer in Haliburton), I've seen a steady decline in my client base specifically because of a decline in hospital services," he said. He thanked the efforts of MPP Chris Hodgson in ensuring the projects have continued to go ahead.

The county must raise its one-third, or \$6.5-million, share of the projects' costs. Almost \$1.5-million is already in the bank and he urged LKO members to make their HHHS Foundation their number one priority for donations. "I don't know of any project that's more at heart, that affects us individually, as this one."

The federal government says that only 17% of Canadians make tax-deductible donations, he said. "I have to believe that we're not part of the 83% that doesn't. We have to contribute and be a part of it."

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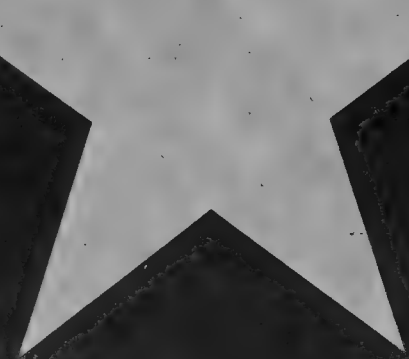
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Did you hear about the two silkworms that were in a race? They ended up in a tie.

Insurers are wary of covering cottages

■ *Potential insurance risks come with seasonal nature of cottages*

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

If you rent out your cottage this summer and it burns down when your paying guests are there, don't assume you'll get paid by your insurance company to cover your losses.

Insurance companies also don't smile brightly upon people who install a wood stove that isn't CSA approved and professionally installed.

And although insurance companies will pay for a roof that's damaged when a tree falls on it during a tornado, don't think they'll be as accommodating if the roof caves in because of a heavy load of snow.

These were some of the pointers made at Saturday's meeting of the Kushog Lake Property Owners Association by an insurance broker who's worked closely with the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations to ensure that his cottage and others like it are properly covered.

"The nature of seasonal properties is that we're not here all

year," says Rick Barnard of LMS Prolink Ltd. With a cottage standing vacant for such long periods of time, many insurance companies are wary of offering much coverage should something go wrong.

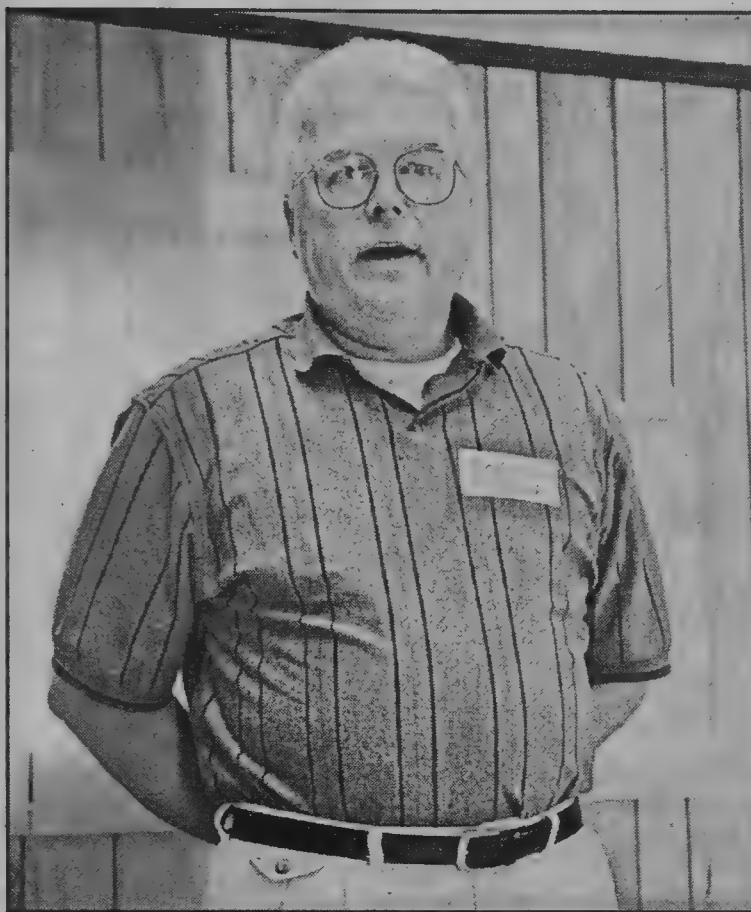
Not only are cottages more prone to break-ins, but they're also a lot farther from fire halls, increasing the risk that a cottage fire will completely destroy the building.

Most insurance companies prefer to insure cottages under the owner's home policy, and won't touch cottages as a separate entity. Even then, it's important to make sure your policy covers some of the basic risks of cottage life.

For instance, if you rent out your cottage, you need to notify your insurance company beforehand. If you don't and something happens during the rental period, you won't be covered. (FOCA has recently established a package with Royal and SunAlliance Insurance which allows for three cottage rentals a year.)

Insurance companies will also want to know how far you are from the nearest fire department so they can gauge the chances of firefighters arriving in time to help. If your cottage is water access only, expect a few problems.

Insurers also aren't keen on providing vandalism and theft coverage since they know cottages are frequently left unattended. Some policies even exclude break and enters, theft



COTTAGE INSURANCE TIPS:

Cottage owners should be careful to make certain their properties and belongings are properly insured, Rick Barnard of LMS Prolink Ltd., told the audience at last weekend's Kushog Lake Property Owners' Association annual general meeting.

and vandalism. "In some cases you can buy it back," Barnard said, and in the FOCA package, break and enter and vandalism are automatically included in the policy.

It would be wise to include a

rider about replacement value. "A lot of cottages are considered to have old things, things we didn't want at home any more," said Barnard, who argues that "our cottages are our second homes and we take a lot of pride

in them."

As a result, make sure your policy covers the cost of buying a new boat and motor, instead of being expected to find one second hand at the same price as the ones stolen.

"Don't forget the intent of having a policy is to indemnify - it's supposed to put you in exactly the same financial position, no more, no less."

(One woman reminded everyone that you have to buy the items before the insurance company will reimburse you.)

Woodstoves are an insurer's bete noir. "They are a major hazard and insurers have become paranoid about them," Barnard said, especially if they're in a log home. (If a fire burns one wall of a log home, the entire building usually has to be torn down because of the nature of the construction technique.) When installed, there must be air between the woodstove and wall, and also the floor, to prevent internal combustion. It's better to get them professionally installed and seek the advice of your local fire department.

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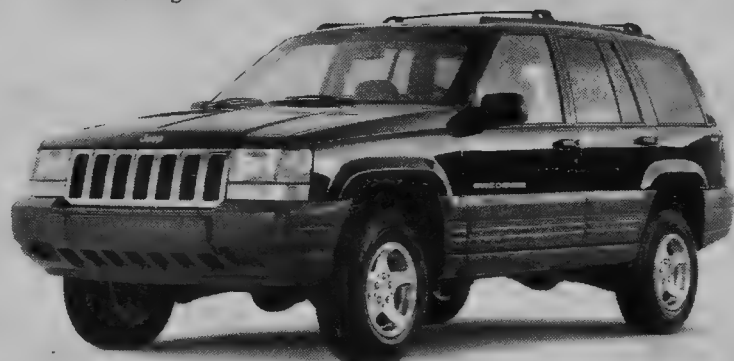
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Trails and Tours plan has roadblocks to overcome

■ Committees to look at development issues

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

If the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network wants to break ground on new trails any time soon, there are a few obstacles it will have to overcome, its organizers say.

Don Gage, Trails and Tours chair, held a public meeting in Minden Thursday to get input from local residents on the network's plan to create a 39-kilometre signature trail along the abandoned Canadian National Rail line that runs from Kinmount to Haliburton.

While most people at the meeting were excited about the idea, some were concerned about the legal and maintenance issues surrounding the trail.

Godfrey Tyler, owner of Waverley Brook Farm, said he is worried about how the proposed trail would affect adjacent land owners.

"I'm not sure I want to have 100,000

people tramping across my place," said Tyler, whose property backs onto the old rail line that is now used primarily as a snowmobile trail.

Tyler said he has had problems with vandalism and trespassing from those who currently use the trail.

"People forget that that corridor is only 100-feet wide," he said.

Tyler suggested the network should consider fencing off the corridor and purchasing insurance to protect adjacent land owners from liability for injuries sustained on their properties.

Peter Overington, chair of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association's business and administration committee, raised another concern: his group has a permit for exclusive use of the trail from October to April.

The association has constructed several bridges along the trail and currently shares in the trail's maintenance costs.

Overington asked who would maintain the trail and pay for its insurance once it was opened up for wider public use.

Jan Warfield, the newly hired Trails and Tours coordinator, said these and other issues would have to be addressed

by the network's planners before any work could be done on the trail.

"We are starting at ground zero," said Warfield. "It's the perfect time to do things right, right from the start."

After two years of inactivity from lack of funding, the Trails and Tours Network recently began to renew its work on a signature trail that would serve as a link for smaller recreational trails throughout the county.

The signature trail could be part of the larger Four Counties Trail Project that will link Haliburton County to Northumberland, Peterborough and Victoria County if it is approved for

funding by Human Resource Development Canada.

At last week's meeting, sub-committees were formed that will begin to look into the issues surrounding the marketing, fundraising, promotion and development of the trail.

The Trails and Tours network is still in its planning stage and has not yet determined how much the trail will cost or when construction will begin.

Gage said the signature trail would be a great way to promote tourism and get people active.

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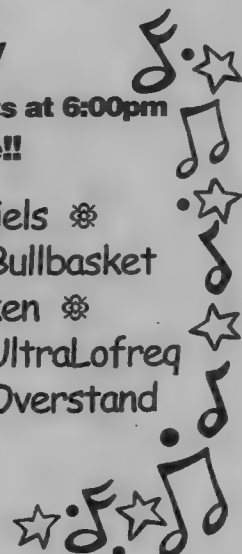
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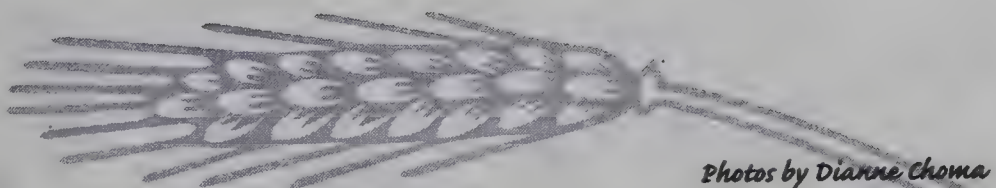
Top left: Two girls go for a spin on the Drop Zone at the Country Good Times festival in Wilberforce.

Top right: Kaitlynn Mayhew and brother Robbie take a ride down the giant slide.

Above: Kerry Nice tries his luck at the carnival games.

Below: Hundreds of kids came to the midway Saturday for a fun-filled day of games and rides.

Wilberforce Country Good Times Festival



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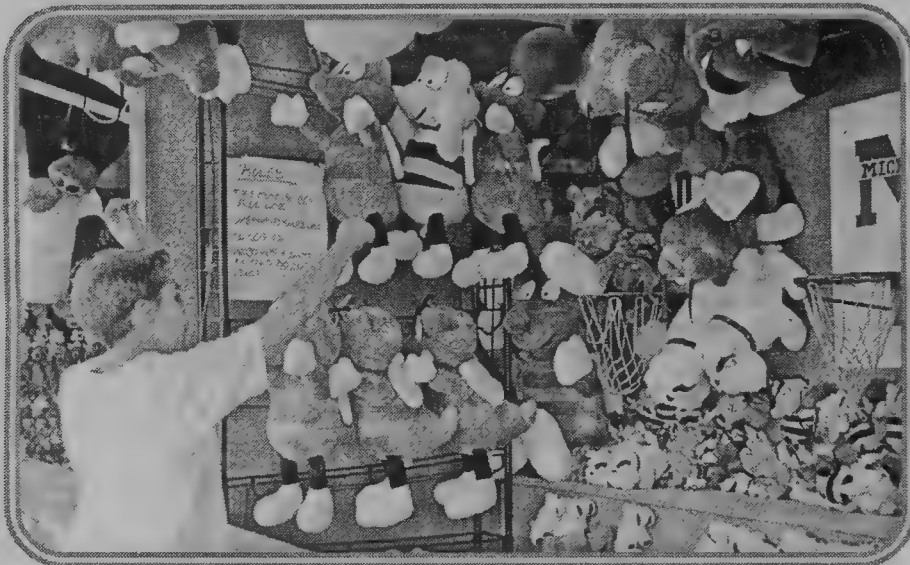


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Above: Maggie and Art Samson ride the merry-go-round.
Below: Noah Fraser tries for a slam dunk.
Right: Children take part in the Country Good Times parade.



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Beauty of park to enhance this weekend's Guild of Fine Arts' annual summer sale

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Many artists have been inspired by the Highlands' landscape and this weekend, the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts hopes many people will be inspired by beautiful setting of Head Lake Park to visit its annual Summer Sale.

For the first time, the sale will have an outdoor venue, as much by necessity as desire. With Hockey Haven dropping the temperature at the Haliburton arena to winter lows, and the Haliburton School of Fine Arts occupying much of the space at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, the Guild had to find a new site for the popular celebration of art.

Looking out the windows of the Rails' End Gallery in Haliburton village, curator Pam

Kinney saw a natural alternative - the park.

From Friday, July 24 to Sunday, July 26, more than 65 artisans and craftspeople will be offering their delightful wares in the park. The Annual Summer Sale is also one of the

sion of Toronto's One of a Kind show. Most artisans are more accustomed to outdoor shows, where they are clearly visible to passersby. For some, such as the Nova Scotian who makes wind chimes or the pine furniture maker, the park offers a suitable

picturesque backdrop for their work.

Kinney has selected a group of artisans from a wide spectrum of pursuits: Elora fibre artist and quilter Jane Baldwin,

"wood butcher" Barry Thompson, Arrowsmith Leather, Kevin Roach's naive and fish art, First Nations painter Michael Robinson, for example. There's also pottery, fun outdoor sculptures, painting, jewelry, photography and sculptor, among others.

"It's a good place to go shopping," Kinney smiles.

"The vendors all prefer outdoor shows... It's a good place to go shopping"

PAMELA KINNEY

Guild's biggest fundraisers, so everyone involved is optimistic that the only thing which will rain down on the sale is rays of sunshine. Rain or shine, however, the show will go on.

"The vendors all prefer outdoor shows," says Kinney, who met no resistance from the artisans applying to be in the sale, which will be a Highlands' ver-



LET THE SUN SHINE:

Pam Kinney, surrounded by the work of some of the artisans who will be taking part in this weekend's summer sale at Head Lake Park, is optimistic the heavens will smile down on the change of venue. With Hockey Haven occupying the Haliburton arena, and the School of Fine Arts at local schools, the park was the only place left for such a large show. The vendors, however, prefer being outside, allowing the lake and trees to provide the perfect backdrop for the beauty of their wares.

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Coboconk students cut ribbon in peace garden

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In June, students from Ridgewood Public School opened their peace garden.

Students and staff had collected a variety of plastics that Brian Duffy of Canadian Plastic Lumber in Lindsay used to make plastic lumber for the bench. In turn, he donated plastic lumber to Brook Taylor of Taylor Recycled Products for the Dream Bench.

The students wrote and read poems and songs, expressing how peace begins. A peace tree was planted and they cut the ribbon on the dream bench and put peace cranes at the base of the tree.

Mr. Dugman was thanked for adding large decorative rocks from Margot Austin's property to the garden and play area.

The International Schools Peace Garden objective is to have a garden for every school in the world and to have a peace tree or grove as a strategy for safer schools by the end of the year 2000.

Congratulations to Dawn Gostlin, who has completed her Bachelor of Education. On June 9, Dawn was awarded the York University Book Award for

outstanding achievement in the faculty of education.

Dawn earned her specialized Honours B.A. in 1997 from York University with a major in Kinesiology and Health Sciences. She was also awarded a fourth year Physical and Health Education Award. Dawn is the daughter of Roger and Debbie Gostlin, of Norland.

Derek Janke, son of Rudy and Ruth Janke of Norland, has graduated from Niagara College in Mechanical Engineering Technology, and is employed in his field with a Toronto business.

Kinmount area residents have a clinic about ready and hope to attract two doctors to care for the area. Many years ago there were doctors who made Kinmount their home, and the little community has certainly grown over the years. Kinmount needs to hear from doctors!

Belated 40th wedding anniversaries to Wayne and Audrey Downes, Ellwood and Pat Ryan and Lorne and Ruth Weaver.

Best wishes also to Bill and Melba Woodward, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 26.

Sharon Lee, from Bexley, a well-known nurse at Ross Memorial Hospital, was taken to hospital June 28, then taken to Toronto on July 3. I understand this hard working lady faces heart surgery. If she has ever been your nurse, you appreciate

her kindness. How about sending her a card to her home at R.R. 1, Kirkfield, Ontario K0M 2B0.

Donnie Lee has been laid up with broken bones in his heel.

Sincere sympathy goes out to Jim Coppins and the family of the late Laurie Jessup (nee Coppins) who died a tragic death at a construction site on Elm Tree Road in Mariposa on July 7.

Sympathy also goes out to neighbour, Wilma Cooper, in the death of her brother, Orval Cooper, from Kinmount.

Sympathy goes out to the family of the late Wm. "Mac" Austin of Fenelon Falls, who passed away on June 18.

Sympathy goes out to the Murchison family in the death of Angus John "Sandy" Murchison of Acton on June 26.

The new Paintball site is now open, just west of Coboconk on Hwy. 48. There are camp sites, a play land for kids and designated paintball areas. Call Dennis Weedman, Aurel (Earl) Frechette and Kelly Kroth at 705-454-2753.

Winners of the recent \$100 grocery voucher at the Coboconk IGA were Joan Algar and Debbie Hall.

Charlene Cross is doing well following her surgery.

Susan Dinwoody has been under the weather and we wish her pain-free days ahead.

Vera Weaver celebrated her 85th birthday on July 10. She is doing well since her hospital stay.

Hazel Young celebrates her 91st birthday this week.

Clare Fielder has not been well, though is slowly getting back to normal. Take care of yourself, Clare.

Stella Barbour is now home from hospital. Glad to hear you are home, Stella!

Earl and Johann Prentice gained a new daughter-in-law July 11 when their son, Scott William Prentice, wed Jeanne O'Brien, the daughter of Bor and Mary O'Brien of Kirkfield. Congratulations!

Fenelon Falls fairgrounds will be the site for the sixteenth annual car and truck show and flea market on August 1 and 2. The Fenelon falls and District Lions Club is sponsoring the event, which includes a dance on Saturday, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. For information or how to enter, call Roger Bellwood at 887-2277 or 887-2548, or Ken Lesmasurier at 887-4504.

Sympathy goes out to Lynn Miller in the death of her husband, William John Edmund Miller, on June 30. Bill fought a lengthy battle with cancer and was only in his 38th year.

A Duck derby for Coboconk? Now we really do have plenty of ducks here, but the ducks we have are mainly the live kind.

The plastic yellow ducks will be released Aug. 2 over the falls at the dam at 2:30 p.m. The ducks will be numbered, and the holder of the number of the first duck across the finish line wins \$500. There will be prizes for the top ten ducks and a consolation prize for the slowest duck.

Tickets are \$5 each and available at Coby Variety, Shields Home Hardware, Tri-County Building Supplies, the Millworks, Truffles, The Beer Store in Coby, the Pattie House and Norland Trading Company. Money raised from this event goes toward United Way of Victoria County agency programs in Coboconk area.

Sharon Lee of Bexley, is still in Toronto General Hospital and was due for heart surgery on July 17. We wish her safe surgery, and trust she makes a fast recovery. Your many nursing friends and doctors at Ross Memorial Hospital miss you so much, Sharon!

The Bexley Fire Department was called out before 8 a.m. this morning to a fire on property at Shadow Lake, up Baseline Road. Apparently the inside of an old hollow cedar tree had mysteriously caught on fire.

Don't forget the usual breakfast that the Anglican ladies serve on the Saturday, August 1 long weekend at the church hall.

Pastor David and Laurie Campbell and family, arrived in town on Tuesday, July 14, from Yukon, Saskatchewan. Son Luke is staying with the Harris family at Bexley and Dave, Laurie and Kylie are with the Dwayne Lloyd's at Haliburton must now.

Our neighbours, Jennifer Paradie and her husband, moved to Fenelon Falls this week. They are the folks who deliver our Toronto Daily Star very faithfully. Owners of the house, Mr. and Mrs. King of Barrie, are busy moving in.

My husband's phone friends, the Jack Lettner's in North York, called tonight, since Jack is awaiting heart surgery. Jack and Ennli have a home on Davis Lake Road in Kinmount, so have a lot of friends there, too.

Rev. Peter Barbour and family, from Aylmer, are visiting his parents, Bob and Stella Barbour and other family members.

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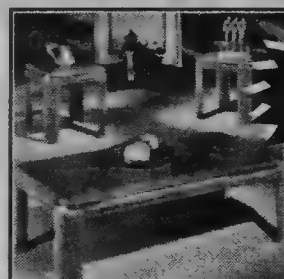
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Second annual Lotus Festival brings top indie bands to county

■ More than 20 up and coming bands will play in Glebe Park

Glebe Park in Haliburton will come alive during the 2nd Annual Lotus Festival on August 7, 8 and 9.

Festival organizers and Nomad Entertainment owners Josh Brown and Kevin Tobin, along with assistants Eric Harris, Morgan Talaba, and Kevin Brezina, think that with more than 20 of Ontario's top up and coming indie bands, this year's festival will be bigger and better than last year's one-day event.

"It is so exciting to see all the great talent that all these people have," says Brown.

The Lotus Festival will

feature bands from many different genres.

From acoustic folk, rock, pop, punk, and funk, the Lotus Festival will have something for everyone who enjoys live music.

"It's so great to see the variety of bands changing. Everyone's not just into alternative music anymore."

"People and artists are expanding their creative minds. People have become bored with the same old stuff, that's why The Lotus Festival is so important. It gives bands from many musical genres a chance to play to a different audience that they might not normally

play to," says John.

There will also be a creative arts tent that will allow people to check out the talented artists who call Ontario home.

"It is so tough for artists, whether they be musicians or painters to get their work seen by the public unless they're considered important by the mainstream. The Lotus Festival is about providing an opportunity for artists to show what they've got, and hopefully out of it they can make a

name for themselves," said Harris.

Tickets for the three-day festival will be \$35 for camping.

Weekend passes (no camping) along with day passes will also be available at the gate.

Gates open on Friday at 3:00 p.m. Music starts at 6:00 p.m. The organizers ask that no glass bottles be brought into the park.

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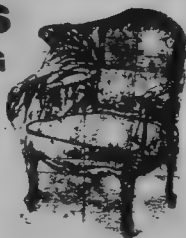
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Neighbours oppose Tory Hill go-cart track proposal

by KERRY RILEY

The following are brief excerpts of discussions held during the July 13 Monmouth Council meeting.

The council meeting was closed briefly to accommodate a public hearing regarding a rezoning application by Ed Chisholm, at Concession 9, Part Lot 13 and 14, in Tory Hill. Robert Perrott, Mr. and Mrs. Vanderburg, and Mossom Madill attended to express their

reservations about Chisholm's plans to develop a go-cart track and minigolf course with batting cages and snack bar, on the property.

The Vanderburgs, in particular, were adamant. They own property nearby where they plan to retire. They cited noise, litter, exhaust fumes, and reduced property values as their major concerns. The couple was

unwilling to consider environmental noise analysis statistics offered by Chisholm, or his assurances that the 10 new 5 hp Honda carts he planned to purchase are quiet and clean. (The plan includes a 300-350 foot setback from the highway, and a buffer zone of trees.)

Mossom Madill had similar concerns, but commented that, "I prefer to keep an open mind.

I don't like to stand in the way of a man making a living."

Reeve Keith Tallman noted that, regardless of the decision made by council, the parties could still take the issue to the Ontario Municipal Board.

"That's very expensive. I hope it won't go that far," he commented.

In response to his suggestion that the parties meet privately,

the Vanderburgs stated that, "We don't need to talk further. We are opposed."

Reeve Tallman persisted and also suggested that Chisholm might garner support from other members of the community. No decision regarding the rezoning was made.

Roads

The receipt of a letter from Glamorgan, agreeing to share costs, has cleared the Bear Lake Rd. prime and chip treatment to proceed. The surface treatment of Earl's Rd. and Schofield Dr. is scheduled to begin around the end of July.

Council passed a resolution, agreeing to negotiate prices with the MNR, to improve and assume the summer maintenance of portions of the Ross Point Rd. that pass through crown land within Monmouth's boundaries. Improvements to the landing area will also be considered if the local cottage association will agree to assume maintenance there.

Residents keep council on its toes

Council reviewed complaints about the state of the government dock, the changeroom/outhouse at Wilbermere beach, and the public water tap at the firehall, and agreed to remedy the problems.

A complaint was received, as well, from Harold Drew, regarding the use of Dombind on the Cedar Lake Road. Council decided to send the cottage association a letter outlining the reasons for Dombind's use, and the fact that it is approved by the Ministry of the Environment.

Fire

Word back from the MNR's Dave Brown indicates that a meeting with county council and clerks will likely be called to discuss fire restrictions. There is general agreement that individual townships should not be setting bans, and that an alternative can be found.

Dysart has agreed to Monmouth's request to amend their fire agreement regarding the Harcourt area. Monmouth will continue to respond to brush and grass fires there, but after an initial two-hour period, Dysart will take over or reimburse wages to Monmouth.

Swim program popular

A total of 42 children took part in the first session of the Red Cross summer swimming program, and 30 were signed up for the second. The issue of emergency phone service was raised again. There is currently none on site. Deputy-reeve Rick Forget reiterated his position that a permanent phone should be installed, but felt that a cellular phone could provide an interim solution. That possibility will be investigated.

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Above: Donna Wallace shows off her beautiful garden in Ingoldsby. Left: The walls in Wallace's kitchen were hand-painted by local artist Mel Briggs. Top left: Leo Sepa and Hilary Brown have recently renovated their house in Moore Falls, adding this skylit bathroom hand-tiled by Sepa. Below: Anne Richmond and her daughter welcomed guests to the Richmond Villa in Moore Falls. Bottom left: Dave and Laura Willis relax in their Sandy Bay Road home at the end of a long day.

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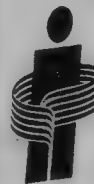
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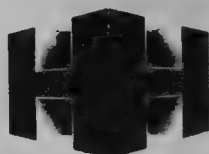
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St. Peter's gearing up for long-weekend bake sale

Nadia Tonello and Ian Cooper's wedding in Kirkland Lake was the focus of reunion for a number of families.

From West Guilford we had Sid and Louise Cooper, Kathleen Owens and Earl and Eleanor Cooper, from Galiano Is., Ken and Shirley Rapson, from Sydney, B.C., Toby West,

and from Thunder Bay and Ottawa, Eve and Duncan Bradley and Lynn Domville and sons Matthew and Mark.

Al and Marie Cooper of Woodstock were with Elva Cooper at the time of the wedding, and at time of writing Ian and Nadia are at the Sid Cooper's.

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George and Shireen Cooper of Riverview, N.B., also attended

the wedding. Jaro Cooper of Calgary was best man for his brother.

St. Peter's church holds its annual yard and bake sale on August 1, beginning at 9 a.m.

Claude and Bernice Fader of Blenheim, Ontario have been visiting in the area during the time that Claude has been able

to take advantage of the summer dialysis treatments at the Dialysis Camp past Dorset on Raven Lake.

In between treatment days they were able to visit family: Harley and Violet Fader, Basle and Joan Cooper, Glenda and Garf Hutchings and Perry, Kay and Charlie Morrison.



County of Haliburton Auditors Report 1997



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AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, INHABITANTS
AND RATEPAYERS OF THE CORPORATION OF THE
COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

We have examined the consolidated financial statements of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton for the year ended December 31, 1997 from which the accompanying summary financial statements have been prepared. We have reported on the consolidated financial statements without qualification on March 12, 1998.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements fairly summarize the information contained in the consolidated financial statements upon which we have reported.

Peterborough, Ontario
March 12, 1998

Humpage Taylor McDonald
Chartered Accountants

CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET At December 31, 1997

	1997 \$	1996 \$
ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED		
Cash	1,824,729	896,814
Accounts receivable	655,666	886,404
Prepaid expenses	8,856	8,122
	2,489,251	1,791,340
RESTRICTED		
Cash	2,064,733	15,488
	4,553,984	1,806,828
LIABILITIES AND MUNICIPAL FUND BALANCES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,496,989	1,160,261
Other current liabilities	3,875	3,875
	1,500,864	1,164,136
MUNICIPAL FUND BALANCES AT THE END OF THE YEAR		
To be used to offset (or to be recovered from) taxation or user charges	228,254	(7,626)
Capital operations not yet permanently financed	(120,000)	(150,000)
Reserves	880,133	784,830
Reserve fund	2,064,733	15,488
	3,053,120	642,692
	4,553,984	1,806,828

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS For The Year Ended December 31, 1997

	Budget 1997 \$	Actual 1997 \$	Actual 1996 \$
SOURCES OF FINANCING:			
TAXATION AND USER CHARGES			
Requisition on local municipalities	2,916,818	2,938,855	2,940,977
User charges	870,004	888,336	879,705
GRANTS			
Government of Canada	29,232	92,226	213,112
Province of Ontario	8,843,363	9,012,935	7,302,353
OTHER			
Investment income	5,120	77,595	9,141
Contribution from trust fund	-	-	850
Insurance claim	-	2,844	-
MUNICIPAL FUND BALANCES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR			
To be recovered from taxation or user charges	-	(7,626)	(5,146)
Capital outlay not yet permanently financed	(150,000)	(150,000)	(43,302)
Total Financing Available During The Year	12,514,537	12,855,165	11,297,690

	Budget 1997 \$	Actual 1997 \$	Actual 1996 \$
APPLIED TO:			
CURRENT OPERATIONS			
General government	336,655	343,685	301,857
Protection to persons and property	4,000	9,922	1,000
Transportation services	2,814,000	2,690,504	2,875,925
Health services	128,668	395,068	128,668
Social and family services	6,566,233	6,500,919	7,009,528
Recreation and cultural services	234,941	245,111	247,459
Planning and development	107,620	105,937	111,142
	10,192,117	10,291,146	10,675,579

CAPITAL			
General government	4,000	1,869	557,235
Transportation services	-	201,453	-
Social and family services	87,696	107,396	90,855
Recreation and cultural services	700	499	-
	92,396	311,217	648,090

Net appropriations to reserves and the reserve fund	2,350,024	2,144,548	131,647
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MUNICIPAL FUND BALANCES AT THE END OF THE YEAR			
To be used to offset (or to be recovered from) taxation or user charges	-	228,254	(7,626)
Capital operations not yet permanently financed	(120,000)	(120,000)	(150,000)
	(120,000)	108,254	(157,626)

Total Applications During The Year	12,514,537	12,855,165	11,297,690
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CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For The Year Ended December 31, 1997

- The 1997 Financial Statements consolidate the operations, assets and liabilities of the the County of Haliburton and its local boards and municipal enterprises as follows:
 - Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home
 - Haliburton County Library Board
- The above data has been extracted from the audited 1997 Financial Statements of the County. Copies of the 1997 Financial Statements and the auditor's report thereon, are available at the County's Offices to any resident who wishes to review or analyze the financial operations of the County in greater detail.



HALIBURTON SCHOLARSHIP WINNER:

Quentin McCormack, of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, is one of this year's winners of a full entrance scholarship to Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough. Worth \$1,840, the scholarship covers the cost of tuition and ancillary fees. Quentin is pictured with college president Brian Desbiens.

Midway and parade bring the 'good times' to Wilberforce

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People lining the Country Good Times parade route were entertained by a good number of entries on Saturday afternoon.

Named the most entertaining individuals were Patty Hughes with little Mac on the wagon and Gerda Goverde, the April Fool on the Loop Troupe float.

The Curling Club captured the best theme prize while the Barnes "Family" won the best family entry.

Samantha Dunford won the bicycle prize.

The best comedy float was entered by Bowes and Cocks Real Estate, Wilberforce.

Hilary Klapow's entry "Madama Flora and Trim was judged the most imaginative float.

Don and Ann's Restaurant and Service Centre won the commercial float prize.

Always popular, the Bancroft Pipe Band and Colour Party led the parade.

The Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes' fine music kept the marchers moving smartly.

A lot of time and creativity went into the entries. They were really appreciated.

Among the new things tried this year was a Tea Room in the LWMC. The Monmouth seniors were tastefully served coffee/tea, muffins and biscuits Saturday morning during the bake sale and from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday during a fashion show featuring Home Towne outfits.

The video draw Saturday night was very popular.

Winner of the Heritage Guild's Log Cabin quilt was Cheryl Switzer of Highland Grove.

Phillip Tallman won the Legion L.A.s loin of beef.

The Monmouth seniors' Lone Star quilt was won by Sarah Springstein of Haliburton.

The Good Times Gospel Service was a joyful affair with all the local churches contributing music and messages.

Music was a big part of Country Good Times with lots of people singing numbers at the Karaoke Night, at the Gospel Services and at the Amateur Talent Show.

Winners were: Juniors singing - Taylor Abrahamis, Kalina Kovacs, Ashley Fox; dancing - Jessica Swan; Seniors singing - John McNab, Cori Linkie, Susan Reil; dancing - Wilberforce High Steppers (cloggers); Music instrument - Cory Van DeBurgt with the accordion.

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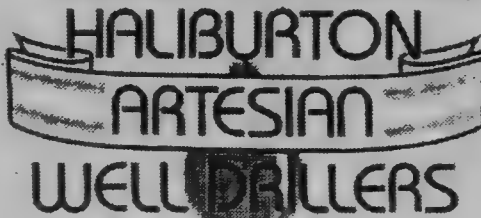
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Snowmobile associations to host Summer Fun Poker Run in Dorset

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dorset

Phyllis Briscoe
766-2237

Happy birthday to Peggy Walker, Eve Adkins, Brent Card, and Marcella McKay.

So we're having a heat wave and I believe we longed for some of this heat last February. If you don't have air conditioning the house gets heated and doesn't cool off if the night air stays hot.

However, a cool night does the trick, and if you keep the windows and the drapes drawn during the day, one can be fairly comfortable.

And we have that beautiful big swimming pool, the lake, at our back door, which is a better "cooler offer" than a shower or fan. It has really been enjoyable this summer.

There is to be a St. John Ambulance

Emergency First Aid course in August. It will be held at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Thursday, August 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursday, August 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The cost is the price of the book used in the course, which is \$11. If you wish to enroll for the course, please call Marg Hudson before Wednesday, August 5 at 766-9591 after 5 p.m.

Some welcome visitors arrived over the weekend. Keith McKey, our nephew, and his wife June, from Willowdale, stopped by. McKenzie, their beautiful Airedale, part of the family of course, accompanied them.

This coming Saturday, July 25, The Tall Pines Snowmobile Club and The Algonquin Snowmobile Club are holding their Summer Fun Poker Run. Call Donna for more information at 766-2211 (work) or 766-9523 (home).

H.H. When making baking powder (tea) biscuits, after you have them mixed, if you knead them a few times they will have much better texture.



A ROOM OF THEIR OWN:

Supporters of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation gather outside the Village Barn in Haliburton to mark the opening of the foundation's new fund raising headquarters, donated by Village Barn owner Lawrence vanLieshout. Left to right are the headquarters' summer student, Jennifer Bradford, vanLieshout, HHHS managing director Diane Springstein, executive director Foster Loucks and chair Dale Walker.

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Adults meet through summer day program

■ Day centre hosts shuffleboard tournament

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Are you having difficulty getting out to activities in the community? Do you miss that chance to visit with others and take part in group events?

If so, The Victorian Order of Nurses may have the answer for you in their Adult Day Program.

The VON Adult Day Centre offers an interesting and enjoyable day of activities for adults living in the community who are in need of social, physical and mental stimulation.

Participants have the opportunity to enjoy a day in the company of others, as well as a hot noon meal and the chance to take part in a variety of activities from exercises, games and crafts to woodworking, music and special events.

The cheery, home-like atmosphere of the centre and the caring staff and

volunteers help each individual feel secure in their surroundings and help to promote the independence and quality of life of every participant.

Meanwhile, family caregivers have the opportunity for a regular day of respite to relax and concentrate on their own well-being.

Here are some highlights of the activities that the Day Centre clients will be enjoying.

During the month of July we will be enjoying the beautiful summer weather with walks in the park and an outdoor shuffleboard tournament.

One of our clients will also be instructing us on his favourite recipe of Borscht Soup.

Later this month we will be off to the races with a minnow challenge.

Throughout the month our regular favourites such as cards, bingo, entertainment and bowling shall all take place.



METAL MANIA:

Pam Kinney, curator at the Rail's End Gallery, puts the finishing touches on a display of metal creations and 19th-century reproduction tinware by Sue Parke and Greg Pietersma. Parke and her partner, Don Gidley, cut and paint their quirky and loveable metal animals, fruits and vegetables in their shop, Acme Animals, in Toronto. Pietersma runs The Tin Shop in Chesterville, Ont., where he creates tin lanterns and dishware. Together they create a fine balance between traditional, utilitarian metal items and fun, modern art. The exhibit opened Tuesday and runs until July 26.

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Attempt to start sports program off to poor start

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legion br. 129

Anne McKay
457-3255

The interbranch bus trip was a great success.

We appreciate the warm welcome and hospitality from all four branches visited; comradeship at its best.

A reminder of the Blood Donor Clinic on July 28 at the branch from 1 to 7 p.m.

If you are able, please plan to donate. The need is urgent.

The flea market is July 25. You may find something you have been looking for.

A big thank you to Grenville Draper from the L.A. Colour Party for teaching the finer points of flag drill and flag carrying on July 13.

Also, on the same date, sports chairman Wilf Gvenette held a meeting that was poorly attended.

Wilf would like to get a very active sports program within the Legion.

If you are interested please come to the Legion or call Wilf at 457-9791 and relay your views. Please get in touch.

A branch executive meeting will be held on July 30 and the general meeting will be on August 6 at 7:30 p.m.

On Sunday, August 2 an antique auction will take place in the auditorium.

August 3, the Civic holiday, the Legion will be open.

Bingo is held every Wednesday evening.

Tickets are on sale now for Perth Fiddle Orchestra on August 14 at 7 p.m. Adults - \$8, children under 10 years, free.

The Club Room will be open to the public for this occasion. For further details call 457-2571.

August 21 the branch will hold its honours and awards banquet.

Following the meat draw, the presentations will be made just before the dinner.

Please sign on the Legion table if you plan to attend the dinner with spouse or guest.

Also, check record books if you are eligible to receive a pin or award. Check with membership chairman, Tony Thatcher.

A leadership seminar will be held at Branch 238 Fenelon Falls, Monday, July 27, 7 to 10 p.m.

A return to good health to Comrades Bruce McKay, Jean Fletcher and Isabel Jobin.

Welcome home to Ed and Billy Pickard. While on vacation they attended the Dominion Convention in Winnipeg.

The L.A. general meeting will be on Monday, July 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Country Jamboree raises \$1,500 for new hospital

■ Event proceeds will also fund new equipment to improve quality of life for Hyland Crest residents

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Pretty soon we won't recognize this place, so many changes going on. It must be confusing to anyone who has not visited for a while. However, we are coping so far.

Our July 9 tea party hosted by the Eastern Star of Haliburton was much enjoyed. A good crowd turned out and quite a few

of us were pleased to say hello to some old friends. Many thanks ladies.

Over the weekend there were lots of visitors coming and going and a few of us were fortunate to be whisked away for a while.

Walter and Vera Stevens were pleasantly surprised with their two visitors. Vera's "baby" sister, Beryl, and her husband, Norman, popped in for a quick visit on their way back from Kirkland Lake, where they had been visiting more family.

Rev. Burgess was here for his pastoral visitations

and Sunday afternoon isn't complete without our ice cream treats.

Monday was the day for our monthly Resident Council meeting. A report was given on our "Country Jamboree" fundraiser. We were pleased at its success. We will be presenting a cheque soon for \$1,500 to the hospital building fund, and the balance will be used for such things as maintaining the Hyland Rover and future equipment which will improve quality of life for residents of Hyland Crest.

The following day a few of us got together with some volunteers and prepared shish kabobs for the barbecue which we later enjoyed for lunch. Meanwhile many attended our chapel service with Pastor Power and Lynda on organ. The craft group met, as usual, in the afternoon and later that evening the "regulars" got

together for their cards session.

On Wednesday, despite the heat, the Hyland Rover transported many of us to Dorset for a picnic. We thoroughly enjoyed this outing, lunch was good and thank you Linda for bringing your guitar along. The sing song was great fun.

As we write this, we are

hearing the music of Jack and Ruth Worthington coming from the lounge. They are here Thursday morning for a sing song. Our thanks to them.

Before we go, our get well wishes to Evelyn Coleman (one of our volunteers). Evelyn had eye surgery recently and we are told it was successful.

That's it folks. Bye now.

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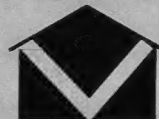
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Community pulls together to save annual Eagle Lake Rhubarb festival

Our Rhubarb Festival seems never without drama. This year our president/coordinator/leader Marj Kennedy was called away the day before the festival by the death of her father.

In sympathy, the village pulled together as never before to stage the festival. A group supplied a ladder

eagle lake news

rhubarb patch

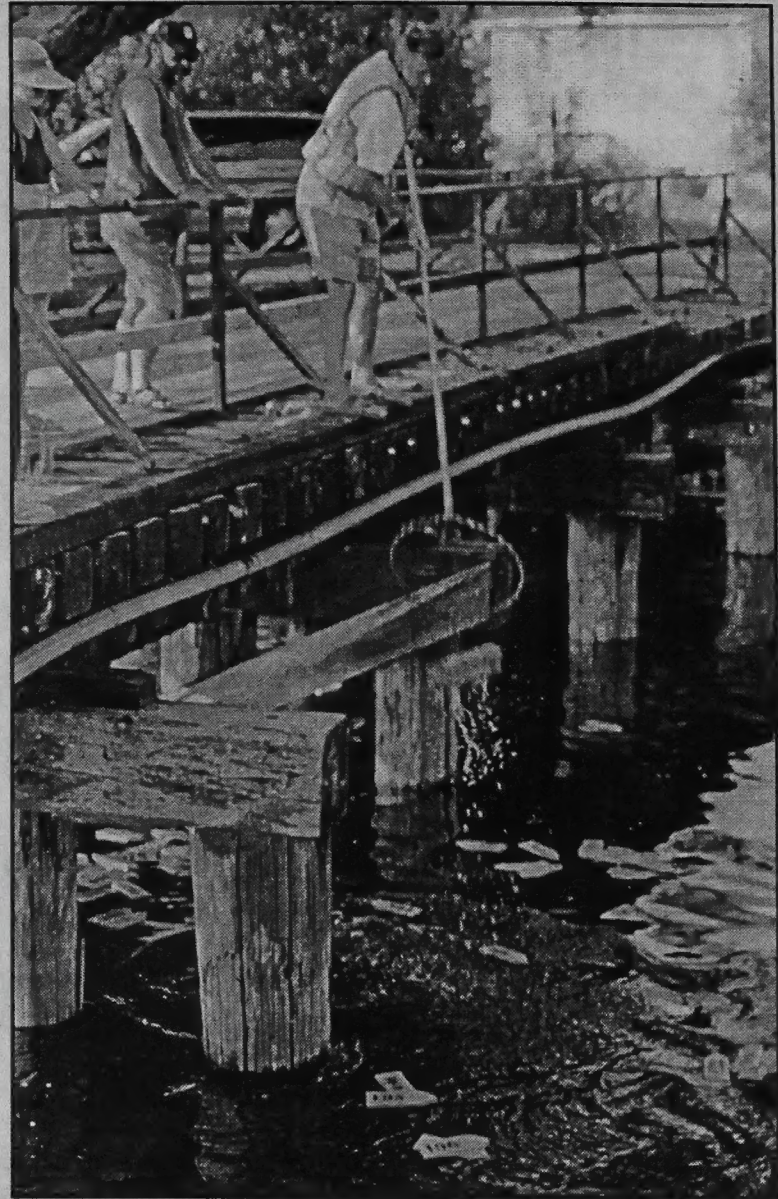
Ruth Still
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for the float and the village children gladly ran errands. We owe much to the list of people who are mentioned in a separate

ad in this week's paper, for their hard work, their cooperation and their generosity.

The covered bridge is that much closer to reality.

And, yes, there were rhubarb pies, by the acre. Which were the "best pies" is a moot point, but we hope that all were enjoyed.



MINI-BOAT RACE:

A volunteer sends wooden floats down the Drag River in the eighth annual mini-boat race sponsored by the Haliburton and District Lions Club. About 600 boats raced from one end of Head Lake Park to the other Wednesday. The event raised \$2,500 in support of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Camp Joe and glaucoma research. The first fourteen winners received prizes donated by local businesses.

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events calendar

things to do in the Haliburton Highlands

- Every Tuesday Children's Story Hour at 3 p.m. at the Haliburton Library, until the end of August.
- July 21 Haliburton School of Fine Arts lecture series, 7:15 p.m., J. D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton, Denis Cliff - Canadian Painters in Review.
- July 22 Wheels to Meals, RIP's, West Guilford, 12 noon. For further information, 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.
- July 23 Haliburton Highlands Twirlers Summer Square Dancing. Basic, Mainstream, Plus at the Haliburton Legion. Call 457-1328.
- July 25 Bake & Craft Sale, Fort Irwin Residents Hall, 9 a.m. - ? To raise funds for a new roof on the hall.
- July 25 Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary will hold their annual Summer Variety Sale, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Highlands Gardens Produce.
- July 25 & 26 2nd Annual Quilt, Rug and Fibre Arts Show sponsored by the County Town Museum and Pioneer Centre, Minden, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, both levels of the Community Centre in Minden.
- July 25 or 26 Free Science Day for kids at the Leslie M. Frost Centre. Run by second and fourth year Trent University Science Students. Call 286-4874.
- July 26 'Band Stand Live' presented by Haliburton Skating Club, featuring the Highlands Wind Symphony and many other talented musicians. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Head Lake Bandshell. Admission by donation.
- July 28 Haliburton School of Fine Arts lecture series, 7:15 p.m., J. D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton, Paul Portelli - Fashion Trends From the 18th Century to 1947.
- July 29 Wheels to Meals, KEI's, Haliburton, 12 noon. For further information, 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.
- August 1 Yard and Bake Sale, St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple Lake. 9 a.m. until noon. Coffee, pop and muffins available.
- August 1 Giant Auction Sale starting at 10 a.m. Rain or shine. Our Lady of Fatima Church, Minden. Further info, 488-2222.
- August 1 Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve 'Annual Charity Craft Sale and Flea Market', 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join the fun. Reserve a table. Call Shirley, 754-2198.
- August 2 Haliburton Christian Outreach presents John Webster, Country Gospel Singer, at 7:00 p.m., Head Lake Park Bandshell.
- August 2 Welcome to Essonville Historic Church for Annual Memorial Service at 2 p.m.
- August 4 Haliburton School of Fine Arts lecture series, 7:15 p.m., J. D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton, Allan Foster - Nature Through Legend, Story and Art.
- August 6 Linedancing, 9:45 a.m. (every Thursday) at Home Support. For further information call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.
- August 6 Art Auction. Work of teachers at the Haliburton School of Fine Arts, 7:30 p.m., PineStone Ball Room. Preview 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- August 8 Bowlathon in Support of HHHS, at Carnarvon Lanes in Carnarvon, at Hwy. 35 & 118. Further info, Ross or Betty Henderson at 489-3351.
- August 16 Victoria-Haliburton Federal Progressive Conservative Association 'Family Fun Day and Beef B.B.Q.' 3 p.m. onward, Kinmount Fairgrounds. Musical entertainment. A variety of children's activities. Tickets available at the event.
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Municipality of Dysart et al

Pine Lake Swim Program Registration

Aqua Quest Levels 1 - 12

Registration will be taken by phone

Call 286-2651

PROGRAM #2

JULY 27th - AUGUST 14th

COST

One Child \$45.00

Two Children \$90.00

Three or More Children \$110.00

Please discuss any transportation concerns at registration.

1998 Swimming Lessons will be held at Pine Lake only.



Municipality of
Dysart et al

NOTICE

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Part of Lots 1 and 2, in Concession V, on Kashagawigamog Lake, in the geographic Township of Dysart, in County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, August 10th, 1998, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance in front of Part Lots 1 and 2, in Concession V, on Kashagawigamog Lake, in the geographic Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Part 1 and Part 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by H. Curry Bishop, O.L.S., and dated April 3rd, 1998, being available for inspection in the office of the Planning Administrator at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 12th day of June, 1998.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Planning Administrator



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NOTICE

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Part of Lot 3, in Concession V, on Kashagawigamog Lake, in the geographic Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

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WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Part 1, 2, 3 and 4 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., and dated December 31st, 1997, being available for inspection in the office of the Planning Administrator at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

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ONTARIO GOVERNMENT TENDER

TENDERS #50-98-34

The MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION
requires tenders for Selective
Resurfacing & Culvert Replacement

Location:

Hwy 118 - Jct. Hwy 35 E'ly 23.0 km.

The Approx. Tender Quantities of Major Items are:

Hot Mix HL 4 2,092 t

Granular "A" 2,609 t

Asphalt Removal 3,754 m²

Closing Date and Time:

Aug. 10, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. Local Time

Tender forms may be obtained from the
Purchasing Office,

Ministry of Transportation,

447 McKeown Ave,

North Bay, Ontario P1B 8L2

Telephone: (705) 497-5488

*The lowest or any tender
not necessarily accepted.*



Ontario

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT TENDER

TENDERS #50-98-46

The MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION
requires tenders for Winter
Sanding, Salting & Plowing

Location: Gravenhurst Patrol Hwy. 11

Contractor to have the following equipment:

(2) Spreader Trucks W/6.13M³ Spreader W/single spinner

(1) Plow Truck W/14' Reversible Plow, R.H. Wing & 6.13M³ Spreader W/single spinner

(2) Plow Trucks W/one way plow & R.H. Wing

(1) Loader (min operating weight 2.28m³ - 9977 Kg W/bucket measuring device

Note:

TO: BIDDERS

There have been some significant changes in the tender package from previous years. We strongly suggest that you carefully review all the documents. There will be bidders meetings to review the changes on the following dates:

When: July 30, 1998

Where: Huntsville, at the Royal Canadian Legion, 36 West S. sth

Time: 1pm

Bidders are encouraged to attend the meeting prior to submitting their bids and to bring the contract package with them for review and discussion

For further information on the meeting please contact: Dan Doner at (705) 789-2391 Ext. 230

Term of Agreement

This agreement will be in effect from various days in Oct. 1998 to April 15, 2000.

Note: Award will be based on the lowest price for all items.

Closing Date and Time: Aug. 12, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. Local Time

Interested bidders must obtain tender documents from CEBRA MERX. Documents received from any other source will be rejected. The Internet address for CEBRA is WWW.merx.cebra.com and the phone number is 1-800-964-6379.



Ontario

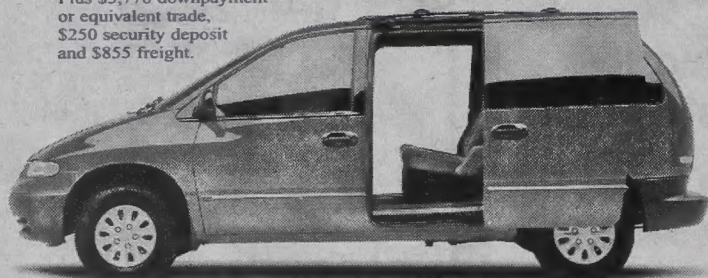


CHRYSLER'S 1998 CLEAR-OUT EVENT.

(With vehicles like these, and offers like these, things could get out of hand.)

\$198[†] OR \$19,888*

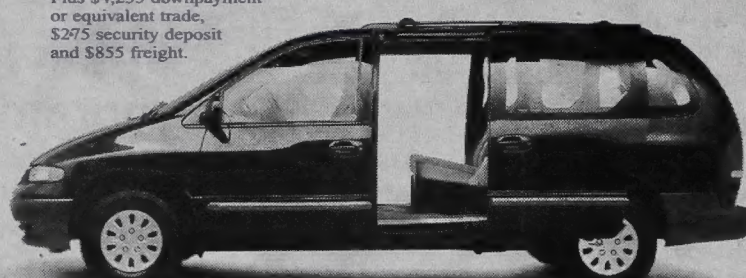
a month for 36 months.
Plus \$3,778 downpayment
or equivalent trade,
\$250 security deposit
and \$855 freight.



- 1998 Plymouth Voyager/Dodge Caravan 26T
Regular Wheelbase Family Value Package Includes:**
- Dual sliding doors •3.0L V6 engine •Air conditioning
 - 4 speed automatic transmission •AM/FM stereo
 - Seven passenger seating •Side door impact beams •Child protection locks
 - Easy Out Roller Seats™ •"Next generation" dual air bags
 - 3 year or 60,000 km warranty •Roof luggage rack

\$228[†] OR \$24,188*

a month for 36 months.
Plus \$4,235 downpayment
or equivalent trade,
\$275 security deposit
and \$855 freight.



- 1998 Dodge Grand Caravan/Plymouth Grand Voyager 28D
Extended Wheelbase Package includes:**
- Dual sliding doors •3.3L V6 engine •4 Speed automatic transmission
 - AM/FM stereo w/cassette •Air conditioning
 - Seven passenger Quad command seating •Roof luggage rack
 - Side door impact beams •"Next generation" dual air bags
 - Child protection locks •3 year or 60,000 km warranty
 - Power windows/door locks/vents •Deluxe Sound Insulation

1.8%[†] Financing
Up to 48 months

\$299[†]

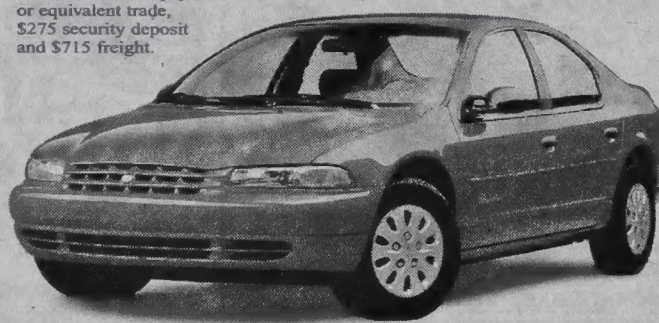
a month for 36 months.
\$299 downpayment
Freight and
taxes included.
No security deposit.



- 1998 Dodge/Plymouth Neon 22D Package includes:**
- 2.0L 16 valve 132 hp engine •Automatic transmission •Air conditioning
 - AM/FM stereo •"Next generation" dual air bags •Side impact protection
 - Centre console •Child protection door locks •Remote trunk release
 - Tilt steering •3 year or 60,000 km warranty •24 hour Roadside Assistance
 - Fuel efficiency⁹: City 10.1L/100km, 28 MPG; HWY 6.7L/100km, 42 MPG

\$219[†] OR \$17,388*

a month for 36 months.
Plus \$3,081 downpayment
or equivalent trade,
\$275 security deposit
and \$715 freight.



- 1998 Plymouth Breeze/Dodge Stratus 24A Package includes:**
- 2.4L 16 valve DOHC engine •Air conditioning
 - Side impact beams •Tilt steering •Power steering & brakes
 - "Next generation" dual air bags •Speed control •4 Speed automatic transmission
 - Lower lift over trunk •AM/FM stereo with 6 speakers •Child protection door locks
 - 3 year or 60,000 km warranty •Fuel efficiency⁹: City 11.3L/100km, 25 MPG; Hwy 7.1L/100km, 40 MPG



- 1998 Chrysler Intrepid 22C Package includes:**
- All new, all aluminum 2.7L V6 24 valve DOHC 200 hp engine •4 Speed automatic transmission
 - Air conditioning •Speed control •Power door locks/windows •Tilt steering
 - AM/FM stereo cassette with 4 speakers •"Next generation" dual air bags
 - Side impact beams •Child protection locks •3 year or 60,000 km warranty

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Up to 48 months

OR

\$299[†]

a month for 36 months.
Plus \$3,105 downpayment
or equivalent trade, \$350 security
deposit and \$810 freight.

OR

\$22,788*



Only at your neighbourhood Chrysler retailer.

Chrysler customers need the fine print: *1. These are limited time offers which may not be combined with any other offers and apply to retail deliveries for personal use only on all new in-stock 1998 vehicles equipped as described. Retailer may sell/lease for less. †Price reflects factory to retailer incentives on selected models. Price excludes freight, license, insurance, registration and taxes. †Based on a 36 month lease. Total lease obligation is \$11,063 Dodge/Plymouth Neon 22D, \$11,895 Dodge Stratus/Plymouth Breeze 24A, \$15,029 Chrysler Intrepid 22C, \$12,011 Plymouth Voyager/Dodge Caravan 26T & GVO, \$13,573 Plymouth Grand Voyager/Dodge Grand Caravan 28D & CTS. Leases subject to approval by Chrysler Canada Ltd. Kilometers are limited to 61,200. Charge of \$0.12/km for excess kilometers. These are closed end leases with no buyback requirements. Leases exclude freight, license, insurance, registration and taxes except on Neon which includes freight and taxes and excludes license, insurance and registration. GST and PST are applicable on Neon downpayment. Financing up to 48 month term and only on approval from Chrysler Credit Canada Ltd. 1.8% financing available on all new in-stock 1998 Neons and Intrepids. Financing excludes license, insurance and registration. Financing may include taxes. Example: \$18,000/\$27,000 @ 1.8% APR/48 month term, cost of borrowing is \$699/\$1,004 compared to average financing rates of 8% for 48 months, cost of borrowing is \$3,063/\$4,638 for a savings amount of \$2,424/\$3,635. This is a sample calculation only. Savings in interest compared to average bank financing rates of 8% for 48 months. See retailer for complete details and conditions. †Fuel efficiency ratings were determined using approved Transport Canada Methods. Visit us today at www.chryslercanada.ca

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